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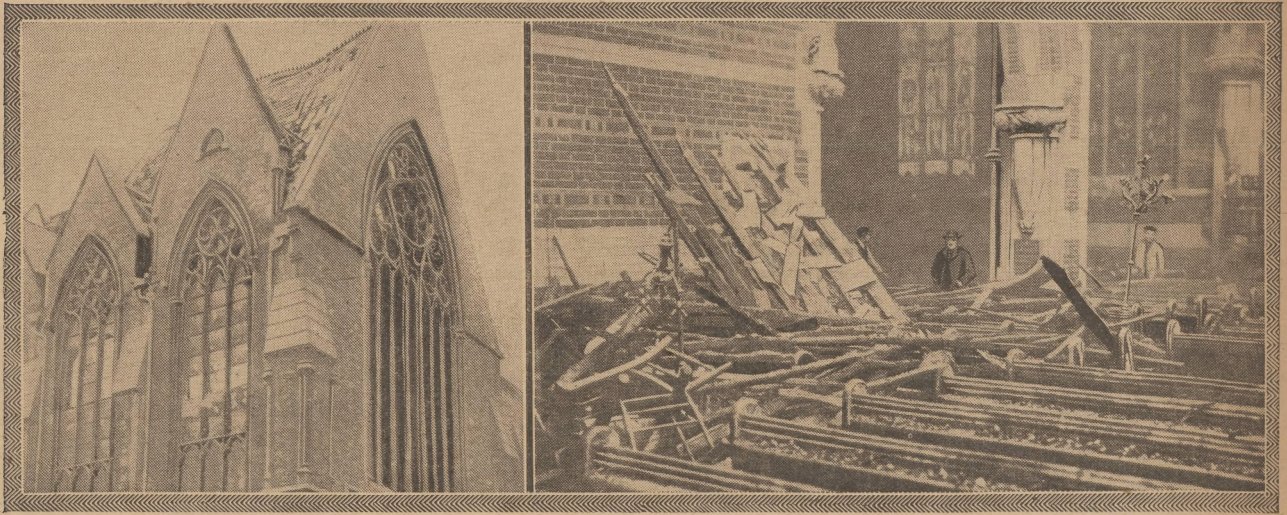
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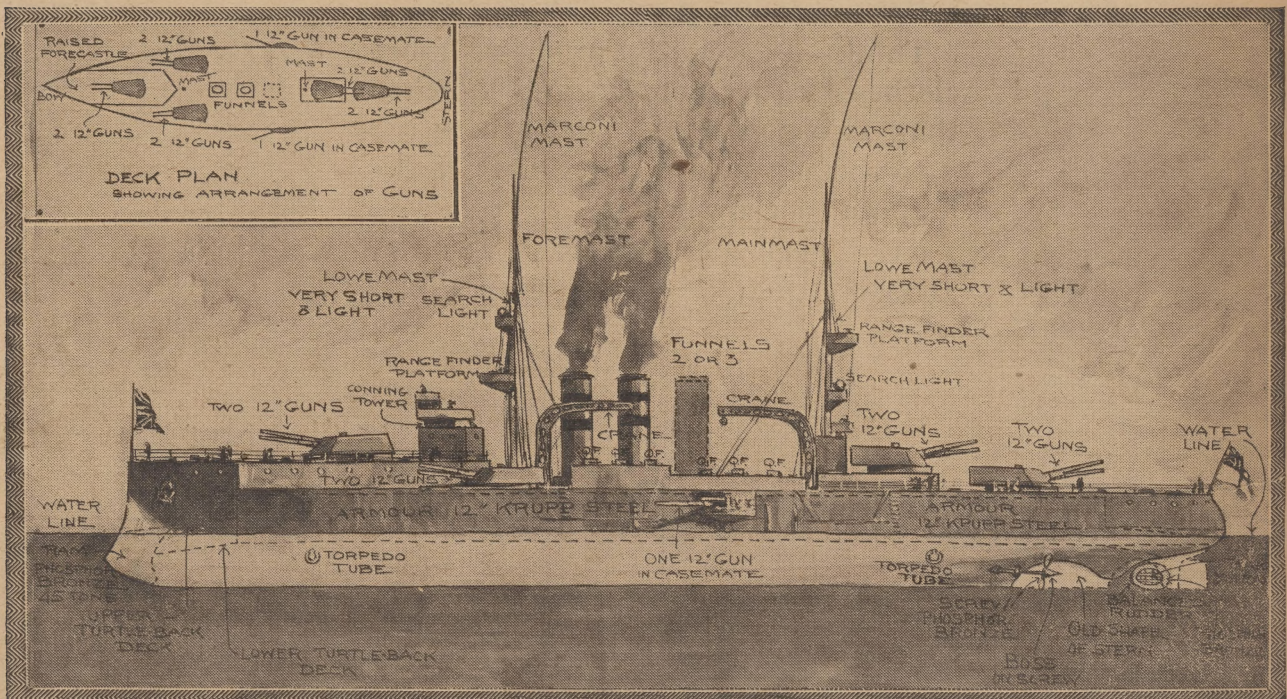
CHRIST CHURCH, MAYFAIR, DESTROYED BY FIRE YESTERDAY.



Fire has left only the outer walls now standing (as seen by the photograph on the left) of Christ Church, Down-street, Mayfair, where Lord Rosebery was married to the eldest daughter of Baron Rothschild and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts wedded Mr. Ashmead Bartlett. On the right is a photograph of the interior. The roof has nearly

all fallen in, and the magnificent organ and beautiful stained-glass east window are involved in the ruin. Curiously enough, Christ Church was the scene of a somewhat serious fire a little under a year ago, which was attributed to the fusing of some electric light wires.

H.M.S. DREADNOUGHT, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BATTLESHIP.



There is a great pretence being made that the armament and construction of the new battleship Dreadnought, to be launched by the King on February 14 at Portsmouth, is an Admiralty secret. As a matter of fact, naval experts, both here and on the Continent, are fully aware of the exact type the new vessel will introduce. Foreign Powers are accurately informed of the details of this wonderful vessel, and the *Daily*

Mirror is betraying no secret hitherto unknown to rival naval Powers in presenting to its readers a very interesting and reliable drawing of the vessel as she will be when ready for sea. Inset is a deck plan, from which it will be noticed the Dreadnought will have a broadside of nine 12-inch guns and a bow fire of eight of these weapons, the heaviest carried by any ship in the world.

ELECTION ECHOES.

THE NEW ELEMENT.

REMARKABLE DISCLOSURES.

Special to "Daily Mirror."

The Election is practically over. We have made our choice and recorded our votes. We have awaited with breathless interest the announcements of victory or defeat. We have shouted, cheered, or groaned, in accordance with our political sympathies. As citizens of the Empire we have played our part, and must now leave the issue in other hands. But our responsibilities do not end here. There is another matter of the utmost importance which claims our interest, and to which we may now give our undivided attention.

The great Prize Scheme inaugurated by Messrs. Joseph Watson & Sons, Ltd., of Leeds, is now in full force. It has caught the popular fancy more completely than any scheme of the kind set on foot within recent years. In all parts of the country the merits of Watson's Soaps and the advantages of Watson's Prize Scheme are the talk of the hour. Read the further particulars given on this page.

DISEASE PREVENTION.

Only within comparatively recent years has the importance of preventing disease rather than curing it engaged widespread attention. It is astonishing to learn of the number of human ills which are preventable by observing suitable precautions. Considering the havoc wrought in an average household by the entry of infectious disease, and the ease with which that disease might have been kept away, it is strange that any home should allow itself to be without a suitable safeguard.

Joseph Watson & Sons, Limited, have prepared such a safeguard, and prepared it at such a price as will place it within the reach of the most frugal.

It is called Nubolic—and is sold at 2½d. per tablet, full pound weight tablet, 3d. Nubolic is a pure and useful household soap, but, in addition, is a powerful disinfectant, Nubolic guards your home against infection, yourself against disease. Nubolic can be used for every household purpose. When used for the toilet and bath you will find it refreshing and invigorating. Keep your larder, scullery, floors, tables, lavatories, and drains fresh and wholesome with Nubolic, which cleans and disinfects at the same time. And save the wrappers. Remember that a collection of even twenty will secure a prize.

GREAT BUSINESS.

Some Interesting Figures.

Possibly the most satisfactory proof of the quality of any firm's output is afforded by the steady persistent growth of that firm. This being the case, the soaps manufactured by Joseph Watson & Sons, Limited, at the Whitehall Soap Works, Leeds, must be good indeed. With a reputation extending back over half a century, the home of the world-famous Watson's Matchless Cleanser, Nubolic, and Sparkla has grown to big proportions.

Nearly 2,000 workpeople are employed; they are amongst the best paid workers in Yorkshire, and the most cordial relations exist between them and their employers. A large dining-room is set apart for them, with reading-room adjoining.

In the works proper are 30 soap pans, six of them the largest soap pans in the whole world. Many millions of pounds of soap can be turned out weekly.

The complete area covered by the works and storage to-day covers many acres. A more advantageous situation for these works could not easily be found. The river Aire runs along one side of the factory, and no less than eight different railways (Great Northern, Great Central, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North-Western, North-Eastern, Midland, Great Eastern, Great Western) are immediately available.

MODERN POLISH.

How profitable to everyone is some degree of polish, of refinement in manner, speech, and dress! Polish in a man lubricates the wheels of his social intercourse, increases the attractiveness of his company, adds a dignity to his presence. In your home polish is no less desirable. Nothing so readily makes a house attractive as an atmosphere of general brightness surrounding it, and nothing contributes to this so much as the sparkling cleanliness of the hundred and one articles in that household's equipment. It is here that Watson's Sparkla proves its value.

Sparkla is a capital scouring soap and metal polish combined. It costs you a penny. Sparkla is certainly the finest soap in the world for cleaning wooden floors and tables and polishing glass and crockery, pots and pans, brass, copper, tin, and steel ware. It will polish everything except manners. Sparkla will not soil your hands like most metal polishes. It contains neither acid nor grease. Removes stains from the hands. Try a 2 lb. tablet to-day.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

LATEST.

Watson's, Ltd., of Leeds, are sending out two pounds of Soap free to everybody who fills in the coupon. Get yours off to-day certain.

HELPING THE BREADWINNER.

There is no better or more practical way of assisting the hard-working breadwinner than by providing him with life's necessities of sound, honest quality at such a price as can readily be met by his all-too-slender purse. A full pound tablet of Matchless Cleanser costs 3d. It will do double the work of most other soaps with an ease that will delight you.

Listen!

Already hundreds of thousands are using Watson's Matchless Cleanser, but still we are not satisfied.

We want you to try it!

A full pound tablet costs 3d.

It is a "matchless cleanser," good money and twentieth century science have made it so.

Besides being pure, it is cheap.

Think—a pound washes more clothes cleaner, easier and quicker than two pounds of most others.

It washes everything, hurts nothing, and doesn't waste.

Over 220,000 Gifts, worth at least £62,500. Just save wrappers.

Joseph Watson & Sons, Ltd.,
Whitehall Soap Works,
Leeds.

No home is complete without these three splendid soaps.

DIRECTIONS.

How to Get Watson's Prizes.

The gifts will be awarded for the highest number of wrappers sent in of any or all of the three Soaps named, to Whitehall Soap Works, Leeds, not later than June 30, 1906.

Each wrapper must be complete. Each parcel of wrappers received will count as one lot. Separate entries must be sent under separate covers. Where two or more parcels are received from the same household the company reserves the right of treating them as one parcel. Give the full name and address of the sender of each parcel, and pay full postage or carriage.

State the number of wrappers dispatched. Not less than 20 wrappers accepted. Our Employees are not allowed to compete.

Should any dispute arise the decision of Joseph Watson and Sons, Ltd., must be accepted as final.

WRAPPER SAVING

And Its Advantages.

The saving of wrappers belonging to Watson's Matchless Cleanser, Nubolic, and Sparkla is a highly profitable hobby. According to the number of wrappers you collect will be the value of the gift with which Joseph Watson and Sons, Limited, will present you. Remember a collection of even twenty wrappers secures you a prize. The list of gifts to be sent out shortly after June 30, 1906, is given here.

Over 220,000 gifts, worth at least

	£	s.	d.
5 Cash Prizes, value £20, £40, £60, £80, £100.....	200	0	0
2 Cash Prizes value £25 each.....	50	0	0
2 Cash Prizes value £25 each.....	50	0	0
40 Ladies' and Gent's Raleigh Cycles, with Sunderland three-speed gear, value £18 16s.....	672	0	0
100 Cases of Cutlery, value £10.....	1000	0	0
600 Jones' Sewing Machines (Treadle), value £5 500 Jones' C.S. Hand Sewing Machines, value £5.....	3000	0	0
500 Jones' L.B. Hand Sewing Machines, value £4 10s.....	2250	0	0
500 Cases Electro Fish Knives and Forks, value £2.....	1500	0	0
500 Ladies' first-class Dressing Cases, value £2 2s.....	1050	0	0
500 Cases Electro Fish Knives and Forks, value 30s.....	750	0	0
0 Cases of Carvers, seven pieces, value 30s.....	750	0	0
Cases Electro Tea Services, value 30s.....	750	0	0
Electro Biscuit Boxes, value 21s.....	525	0	0
Electro Coffee Pots, value 17s. 6d.....	437	10	0
Cases Electro Tea Spoons and Tongs, value 16s. 6d.....	412	10	0
600 Pairs of Blankets, value 15s. 6d.....	900	0	0
Gentlemen's Umbrellas, value 15s.....	1500	0	0
Ladies' Umbrellas, value 15s.....	1500	0	0
Electro Teapots, value 12s. 6d.....	1250	0	0
00 Pairs of Blankets, value 12s. 6d.....	1250	0	0
000 Pairs of Sheets, value 12s. 6d.....	1250	0	0
Half-dozen Electro Table Forks, value 15s. Choice White Counterpanes, value 10s. 6d.....	1050	0	0
Half-dozen Table Knives, value 3s.....	300	0	0
Ladies' Dress Lengths, value 2s.....	1800	0	0
Ladies' Silk shirts, value 2s. 11d.....	1793	6	8
Blankets, value 8s.....	1600	0	0
Electro Cream Jugs, value 8s.....	1600	0	0
Ladies' Navy Blue Serge Dress Lengths, value 7s. 6d.....	1500	0	0
0 Ladies' Umbrellas, value 7s. 6d.....	1500	0	0
0 Blankets, value 6s.....	1300	0	0
300 Cass's 2 Brushes, Comb, and Mirror, value 3s. 6d.....	1100	0	0
10000 Half-dozen Electro Tea Spoons, value 5s.....	5000	0	0
00 Coloured Shawls, value 4s. 11d.....	3687	10	0
Sets of Boot Brushes, value 4s.....	3600	0	0
Pair of Lace Curtains, value 3s. 9d.....	2812	10	0
20000 Ladies' Coloured Blouses, value 3s. 3d.....	3230	0	0
Half-dozen Ladies' Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, value 2s. 6d.....	2500	0	0
20000 Needle Cases, value 2s.....	2000	0	0
25000 Half-dozen Tea Spoons, value 1s. 6d.....	1875	0	0

Over 26,000 other Prizes.

CONVICTION.

If there was any shadow of doubt about the excellence of our products, if our soaps could be made in any direction better value for your hard-earned money (and we have science, modern machinery, and money at our disposal), if, in short, these soaps were unworthy of your patronage, we, Joseph Watson and Sons, Ltd., should not risk half a century's reputation by offering them to you.

Test these soaps under all conditions; see what they can do for you towards brightening your home and lessening your work, and remember the other benefits which the wrappers bring. Then—if not before—we believe you will be convinced.

FREE!

Special Offer to Readers of the "Daily Mirror."

In order that every reader of the *Daily Mirror* may be able to obtain these three soaps, and have the opportunity of personally verifying our claims, we gladly make the following offer:—

If for any reason you cannot obtain Watson's Matchless Cleanser, Nubolic, and Sparkla of your own tradesman, fill in the attached coupon, or write on a postcard, giving the tradesman's name and address, together with your own, and we will send you full-sized tablets of all three soaps (over two pounds weight), absolutely free and post paid, for your trouble.

Don't delay. Write at once.

"Daily Mirror" Free Coupon.

To JOS. WATSON and SONS, Ltd.,
Whitehall Soap Works, Leeds.

I am unable to obtain Watson's Matchless Cleanser, Nubolic, and Sparkla at (Name and Address of
Greener, Oilman, or Store).....

Please send me, therefore, 3 full-size Tablets, as per your offer FREE.

Name.....

Address.....

* Place a mark against names of Soaps which you cannot obtain. Write plainly and use ink.

KING CHRISTIAN'S FUNERAL.

Coffin Borne from the Death Chamber Yesterday.

SOLENN SCENE.

Royal Family Meet in Silent Prayer Beside the Dead Monarch.

The first solemn rites in the funeral of the dead King of Denmark were performed at Copenhagen yesterday.

The body was reverently placed in the coffin, which was then borne to the garden hall of Amalienborg Castle, where it will lie in state.

The Emperor of Germany, it is believed, will embark at Kiel to-morrow on the battleship *Preussen*, which is to bear him to Copenhagen for the funeral.

Last evening the plans of King Edward and Queen Alexandra had not been definitely made beyond those announced on Tuesday. They must necessarily be influenced largely by the funeral arrangements in Copenhagen, and as not even the date of that ceremony is known nothing can be settled at present.

THE KING UNLIKELY TO BE PRESENT.

In view of the King's definite engagements, it is unlikely that he will be able to be present unless a much later date be fixed for the funeral than is generally expected, but the Queen will almost certainly go to Copenhagen.

The Danish Society in London is sending a silver wreath to Copenhagen to be placed on the bier of the late King, and a memorial service for the deceased monarch will be celebrated in the Danish Church in London.

SCENE OF THE FUNERAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—No date has yet been fixed for King Christian's funeral, but I am assured on high authority that it is unlikely to take place for a week.

As I stated yesterday, the King's resting-place will be in Roskilde Cathedral, some fifteen miles from here.

Roskilde village, which looks out on the beautiful waters of the Cattegat, is reached from here by a single-line railway. There is considerable alarm lest the fences which are put up along the whole distance to keep the snow from drifting on to the line should not be removed during the passing of the funeral train.

If they are not, it will be impossible for anybody on the route to see the train at all, as the fences are nearly 20ft. high, and entirely shut off the track from observation. They are not removed, as a rule, till further on in the year.

The funeral will be the occasion for the removal of the wreaths which were placed on the Queen's tomb when she was buried there seven years ago, and which King Christian would not have removed.

PRINCESS OVERCOME BY GRIEF.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—Princess Thyra, Duchess of Cumberland, and the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who arrived here last night by special train, went immediately with the Empress Maria Feodorovna to the room in which the remains of the late King are reposing. Princess Thyra was so overcome with grief that she had to be led away.

This morning all the members of the Royal Family assembled in the death-chamber for silent prayer.—Reuter.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—At five o'clock this afternoon the whole of the Royal Family met at the late King's deathbed.

The remains were then laid in the coffin. It was lined with swansdown and covered with black silk, was then conveyed to the garden hall of Amalienborg Castle, and placed on a black cloth carpet.

The coffin will not be shut down until the "Castrum Doloris," which is to take place in a few days in Kristianborgs Palace Chapel.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

AMNESTY TO PRISONERS.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—In order to signalise his accession to the throne, King Frederik has given orders that proposals shall be submitted to him for pardoning prisoners who are not classified as dangerous criminals, the number thus pardoned to be, if practicable, twelve from each of the three convict prisons.—Reuter.

HURLED HEADLONG INTO A RAVINE.

Tourist and Wife Killed in Belgium —Son Injured.

TRAGIC HOLIDAY.

News yesterday reached London of a terrible carriage accident which took place near Arlon, which is close to the frontier of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Mr. Potter, an English visitor, and his wife and son, were taking a drive in the district, which is noted for its wild and picturesque scenery, reminding the British tourist of some of the most romantic and mountainous portions of the Peak District of Derbyshire.

The country abounds in rocky gorges, and the roads wind round the precipitous sides of the heights with but little protection on the outer side.

Whilst the carriage of Mr. Potter was descending one of these roads, the horses got beyond control, bolted, and in a moment the whole party were hurled into a deep ravine.

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Potter death was instantaneous. The son's back was broken, and although he was alive when found it is feared there is not the slightest hope of his recovery.

ROYAL LOVERS' STROLL.

King Alfonso Purchases Jewellery at the Shops with Princess Ena.

BIARRITZ, Wednesday.—King Alfonso arrived here this morning. His Majesty managed to evade the reporters, and half an hour later, he set out for a walk with Princess Ena, Princess Henry, and Prince Alexander.

They passed along the Côte des Basques, and proceeded to the centre of the town, where the King made some purchases of jewellery. Many of the bystanders recognised the Royal party, and thronged around them, greeting them respectfully.

At half-past twelve carriages were summoned and the Royal party drove to the Villa Mouriscot.—Reuter.

LINER STRIKES A MINE.

Serious Accident to a Troopship Carrying Russian Soldiers from Vladivostok.

BERLIN, Wednesday.—The Hamburg-America Line announces that its liner *Silvia*, which left Vladivostok yesterday transporting a large number of troops, struck a mine.

She had to return in a sinking condition to the harbour, where she was beached to prevent her becoming a total loss. The cook was killed.

The ship was fully insured against loss from mines.—Reuter.

RIOTS IN CHURCHES.

French Officials Assailed as "Thieves and Hooligans" by Furious Mobs.

PARIS, Wednesday.—The work of making an inventory of the property of the Church in Paris began this afternoon.

At the Church of Notre Dame des Champs several thousand persons prevented the registration inspector from entering to take the inventory. The people shouted, "Stop the thieves!" and "Down with the Grand Orient!"

Members of the congregation at St. Roch forced the church door and dragged the inspector out into the snow, and the hooting of a crowd. A policeman and a sergeant who tried to protect the inspector were roughly handled. The deputy, M. Archedeau, and a municipal councillor, who were at the head of the demonstrators, were taken to the police-station.

In spite of the protest of the curé at St. Germain l'Auxerrois, who said he knew nothing of a law which had been voted by thieves and hooligans, an inventory was taken, amid the hooting of the crowd.—Reuter.

MR. BIRRELL'S "PRAYER."

Mr. Birrell, speaking in Bristol last night, said that for some months to come he would be busily immersed in the details of the Education Bill, which was to be the Bill of the session.

He prayed that the Christianity which all were so anxious to impart to the children of the working classes would not disappear entirely from the debates of the Commons, and that forbearance would be shown by all.

The "North China Daily News" publishes a manifesto emanating from San Francisco, urging Protestant natives to detach their Church altogether from foreign missionaries.

JAPAN OUR CRITIC.

British Army Reform Urged in Japan's Parliament Yesterday.

An extraordinary message has been dispatched by Reuter's Tokio correspondent, which exhibits the Japanese people in a new and not very pleasing light.

The message, the text of which is given below, has excited the surprise even of Reuter's London agency, and a cable has been dispatched to Tokio asking for fuller particulars.

In the meantime, as will be seen, it seems that the Japanese Minister of War has undertaken to urge upon Great Britain, as Japan's ally, the necessity for Army reform.

TOKIO, Wednesday.—At a meeting of the Sectional Budget Committee of the Diet to-day Mr. Oishi, the leader of the Progressists, interpellated General Terauchi, Minister of War, as to whether the Government, as a result of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, intended to urge the British Government to reform its Army organisation.

The Minister replied that he would do so at some future date.—Reuter.

CRICK TUNNEL MYSTERY.

Vicomte de la Chapelle Asks the Government for the Assistance of Scotland Yard.

Vicomte de la Chapelle, a cousin of Count Rochard, father of the young lady whose dead body was found in the Crick Tunnel, stated yesterday that he had made representations to the Home Office with a view to reopening the inquiry and asking for the co-operation of Scotland Yard.

"There are numerous points which have not been dealt with," declared the Vicomte last night.

"Nothing was done at the inquest except to call the man who found the body, the doctor, and the Rev. Father Hands. I understand there were no witnesses from the intermediate stations, no inquiries were made about the missing cloak, while none of the relatives were called."

MISS ROOSEVELT'S RECORDS.

Surprising Feats Performed by the Famous Daughter of the American President.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is a worthy daughter of a strenuous father.

Into one day of this week she has contrived to crowd the following experiences:—

- (1) She narrowly escaped being injured by a frightened horse which jumped over a motor-car in Fifth-avenue.
- (2) Astonished the passengers of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse by climbing up the rope-ladder to the deck instead of waiting for the boarding-ladder.
- (3) Addressed a crowd of camera fiends on Fifth-avenue, and asked them to desist from following her. The reply was an apology.

Among the records Miss Roosevelt holds, the following may be mentioned:—

Sl. has been down in a submarine, dived into a tank on board ship, toured the Far East, refused a Sultan, and been upset from an automobile.

PRINCE'S THREE DAYS' SHOOTING.

MYSORE, Wednesday.—The Prince of Wales has left for three days' shooting. His camp is forty miles from Mysore.

Addressing the Maharaja last night His Royal Highness complimented him on the contentment and prosperity of his people and on the efficiency of the Imperial Service troops.—Reuter.

BETROTHAL OF NAPOLEONIC PRINCESS.

PARIS, Wednesday.—The betrothal is announced of Princess Marguerite, daughter of Joachim Napoleon Prince Murat and Cecile Ney d'Elchingen, to Prince Alexander of Battenberg.

MR. SMUTS'S "PRIVATE" VISIT.

In an interview yesterday Mr. J. C. Smuts, formerly State Attorney in the Transvaal, who is at present in London, said: "I wish you to contradict most emphatically the reports which have been in circulation to the effect that I am in this country on a secret mission. I am not. My visit is on purely private business, and I am not the political agent of any party."

PRESIDENT CASTRO UNREPENTANT.

PARIS, Wednesday.—President Castro, says the "New York Herald," has sent a violent Note to France, and has appealed to the Kaiser to intervene and save German interests.

England refused a similar request, in view of the "entente cordiale."

GERMAN OUTRAGE IN AFRICA.

Alleged Murder of Canadian by Kaiser's Soldiers.

INTENSE INDIGNATION.

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday.—According to private advices from Swakopmund, German South-West Africa, an unaccountable outrage was perpetrated there by German soldiers.

Dr. Anson Donaldson, of Brockville, Canada, was walking peacefully along one of the streets when a German soldier fired at him. He dropped to the ground, and several other soldiers then fired at him, practically riddling the body.

It is alleged that his remains were secretly disposed of.

The members of the Canadian community here are indignant at the outrage.

News has also been received from Swakopmund to the effect that an Englishman named Hastings has been kept in prison by the German authorities for seven months without any charge having been preferred against him.—Central News.

SUCCESS OF DETECTIVE'S RUSE.

Wormed Himself Into the Confidence of a Man Accused of the Murder of a Family.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Wednesday.—Paul Thomeschke, at one time the owner of a stoneyard, has been arrested on a charge that he murdered a family of seven in Oberstein, near Bautzen, about a year ago.

He had been released before, as sufficient evidence could not be procured against him. A detective then made it his business to become intimate with him, working with him in a yard.

One day the detective described in detail a murder of six persons, the circumstances of which were similar to those of the Oberstein crime, whereupon Thomeschke jumped up, with the excited exclamation: "That was a case of mine. Why, I simply bought seven quarts of petroleum and the deed was done."

He was arrested, and will be tried a second time.

IDEAL MUSIC-LESSONS.

Dr. Somervell Seeks the Aid of All the Beauties of Nature and Art for Education.

A lecture on "What Is the Right Basis of a Musical Education," was given by Dr. Somervell, Inspector of Music to the Board of Education, at 98, Harley-street, yesterday.

The children should hear quantities of instrumental music, and should be taught the rhythms of songs which they knew, either with their fingers or a pencil, upon a table.

Alongside of this musical training they should be taught dancing and gymnastics.

They should also have lessons in drawing and painting, and do a great deal of mathematical drawing.

In summer they should spend much time in the open air, camping out, building houses in the woods, gardening, and gaining knowledge of the habits of animals, and should be allowed abundant time to dream, to watch the clouds, the wind in the grass, and the stars swinging round the heavens, and listen to the music of moving water.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught left Kimberley yesterday for Mafeking.

The Emperor of Japan has given £5,000 for the relief of the sufferers—nearly a million—from the grievous famine.

The Ohio Senate has passed a Bill abolishing capital punishment for murder in the first degree, except in the case of a second offence.

The Swedish vessel *Hellene* has landed on the Moroccan coast two quick-firing guns, 1,000 rifles, and a quantity of ammunition, said to have been ordered by the Pretender from a Belgian firm.

The treasurer of the United Irish League at Boston has cabled to Mr. Redmond a contribution of £1,000, making a total contribution of £3,000, for the general election fund of the Nationalist Party.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Fresh or strong south-westerly winds; cloudy and misty, rain at times; mild.

Lighting-up time, 5.46 p.m.
Sea passages will be made at first, rough by night.

THE DREADNOUGHT DESCRIBED.

Details of the New Warship's Marvellous Gunfire Capacity.

TRIUMPH FOR THE NAVY.

Build by the Navy for the Navy, H.M. battleship Dreadnought will be launched on February 10.

Much has been written as to the secrecy observed by the authorities in her construction, but, as a matter of fact, all the essential features are quite well known in Portsmouth and elsewhere. Probably few persons who have any reason to be interested in the ship are without very definite information as to the leading principles that distinguish her from other men-of-war.

When she is completed she will be absolutely the last word in naval marine construction, and, unlike the majority of our battleships, she will have the distinction of being "service" designed and "service" constructed.

She is to have a displacement of 18,000 tons, will be 490ft. in length, and have a speed of twenty-one knots per hour. This alone will make her unique, for besides being the fastest battleship afloat her displacement will exceed by 1,650 tons that of the King Edward VII., the largest ship in the Navy at the present time.

Novel Propellers.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about her construction is the position in which her four-bladed phosphor-bronze propellers are fixed. Instead of being right aft, as is the general rule, the Dreadnought's screws are placed some yards from the stern, the keel being so designed that the wash caused by the propellers will act on the hull in such a way as to increase the vessel's speed.

Phosphor-bronze, the finest of all shipbuilding materials, and also the most expensive, is being used in the construction on a much more extensive scale than has ever before been done. The Dreadnought is being provided with a 45-ton ram of this metal, and her rudder, which is of the most improved "balanced" type, is made of phosphor-bronze, filled with tank and coated with cast-iron. Her armament is the most powerful short of a floating fort, for she is to carry no fewer than twelve 12-in. guns, distributed in such a way that she will be able to fire eight ahead, six astern, and nine on her broadside.

Sweeping the Seas.

Two of these will be placed in a barbettes in the centre of a rail-like forecastle, and a little further aft will be barbettes, one on each side of the ship, each containing two more. Astern will be two barbettes, one some distance behind, and raised over the other, each containing two guns, while the remaining couple will be placed on the lower deck, one on each broadside.

By this ingenious arrangement of the guns the Dreadnought will be able to fire a wonderfully large proportion of her guns in every direction.

Firing directly ahead, she will be able to bring eight guns into play—the three fore barbettes and the two guns on the lower deck. On either broadside she will be able to use her forecastle barbettes, one of the pair of fore barbettes, the two aft barbettes and one of her lower deck guns—nine in all. Firing astern, she will be able to use the guns of her two aft barbettes and her two lower deck guns.

As it has been a moot question as to whether gunfire ahead or astern is the most valuable, this arrangement, which gives greater strength ahead, indicates that the leaning is now towards fire ahead.

Lighter Masts.

Another quite new feature, as far as British ships are concerned, is the replacing of the old heavy type of mast by one of much lighter and shorter dimensions.

There are to be two masts on the new warship, each fitted with two lighting-lamps, the upper one on the higher and the lower on the other to be fitted with searchlights, and the other two with rangefinders, instead of quickfiring guns, as hitherto. This arrangement of the searchlights avoids the giving of parallel rays, which would be the case if both lights were at the same level, and is a great advantage in that it gives a wider range to the searchlights.

The necessity of the abolition of all unnecessary top hamper and wood is a lesson learned from the late Russo-Japanese war, when it was found that terrible havoc was wrought by shells striking spars and exploding overhead.

Another peculiarity is the large conical boss which is affixed to each propeller, and which, it is hoped, form a further factor in accelerating her speed. The Dreadnought is also to have a very complete system of derricks on board.

The Dreadnought has been built in record time, which is all the more satisfactory seeing that there is no contractor's work in her. Should she prove to be all that her designers expected, and will, it will justify her name, and in naval circles the improved Dreadnought type is confidently looked forward to as the only battleship of the near future.

An explanatory drawing of the vessel appears on page 1.

THE NATION'S CLOTHES.

How "Class Distinctions" Appear in the Eyes of the Tailor.

"Our experience in connection with big and little men leads us to the conclusion that little men are generally vain and decidedly fastidious in the matter of dress." Such is the dictum of the "Tailor and Cutter," in viewing the weaknesses, foibles, and virtues of mankind as viewed from the standpoint of the sartorial art.

"They (the little men) are fully conscious of their own deficiency in the matter of height and bulk, but will not tolerate its being mentioned by others. They want the tailor to make the most he possibly can of them, and to give them the smartest style, and the best of fit."

"With big men—and by these we do not mean corpulent figures, but tall and well-developed men—our experience is that they are often clumsy and indifferent in matters of dress, and as they prefer comfort to style the cutter seldom has the chance of doing that justice to them which he desires, and, consequently, very few big men appear to the best advantage."

The same authority informs us that "deformed or disproportioned men" are the best to serve, generally willing to pay a good price and go to some trouble to get their tailor to fit them.

Amongst the working class the taste for bell-bottom trousers is still pronounced, and business men generally prefer strength and ease to style and smartness.

But the most exacting of all customers is the aristocrat. He will order one thing, and require it transformed to another when he has tried it on, only to go back to the original order before it is finished. He will keep his garments waiting for months to be tried on, and he is not always so considerate of his tailor's need for cash as he might be.

CABINET'S BUSINESS PROGRAMME.

Education Act and Trade-Unions Law To Be Amended This Session.

In a mood of mutual congratulation the members of the Cabinet met yesterday for the first time since the general election.

The principal business was the consideration of a preliminary draft of the Speech to be read by the King at the state opening of Parliament on February 19.

This necessarily involved some discussion of leading Bills to be introduced shortly by the Government.

There is still reason to believe that a material amendment of the Education Act and an amendment of the law relating to trade-unions will figure as the principal measures of the Government for the coming session.

Mr. John Redmond has called a meeting of the Irish Party for February 10, at two o'clock, at the City Hall, Dublin.

MR. A. C. MORTON, M.P., IN TARTAN.

Mr. Alpheus Cleophas Morton, M.P., has celebrated his victory in Sutherlandshire by donning a pair of plaid trousers of a pronounced pattern, giving about five squares and a half to each leg. Though an Englishman, Mr. Morton has suddenly become more Scottish than the Scot.

YEAR OF BEADS.

Taste for Adornment That Need Not Tend to Extravagance.

If it receives a name among jewellers, the present year will be known as the year of beads.

At present the fashionable bead is made of plain gold, and no jewellery casket is complete without a string of dull or bright golden beads for the throat.

"The imitation pearl started the fashion," explained a Bond-street jeweller to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "They were so good an imitation that people wore them instead of real ones. Once women learned that the beauty of a necklace did not depend on its value, the craze for beads soon followed."

WELCOME FOR RELEASED PRISONERS.

"The Home Secretary is to be congratulated on the release of these aged women, and the Salvation Army has room in its heart, to care for as many as may be entrusted to us," telegraphed Mrs. Bramwell Booth to the *Daily Mirror* last night with reference to the new movement towards prison reform.

GOVERNMENT GARDEN CITY.

Islington Borough Council will be asked at its next meeting to pass a resolution urging the Government to purchase land for a Garden City, which the Government work, now being carried on in crowded centres, could be transferred.

Mr. John Burns has definitely declined to sanction the purchase at Basingstoke, by the Lambeth Guardians, of 567 acres for a farm, colony.

LAST OF ETON 'DAMES.'

Impressive Spectacle at the Graveside—Famous Pall-Bearers.

AFFECTING SERVICE.

Eton's sorrow for the loss of Miss Jane Mary Evans, the last of the "dames" of the ancient school, was shown in an impressive manner at the funeral yesterday.

Old Etonians, with memories of her charming personality still fresh in their minds, travelled far to pay the last tribute ere her body was laid to rest in the cemetery under the shadow of the school's unique towers and spires, and with them in spirit were the youngest of the boys, whose attitude to Miss Evans had been one of mingled awe and reverence.

The names of the pall-bearers were in themselves an eloquent testimony of the respect in which Miss Evans was held. They included Lieutenant-General Sir Neville Lytton, the Right Hon. Alfred Lytton, ex-Secretary for the Colonies (brothers of the headmaster), Sir Charles Fremantle, and Mr. C. Lyell, M.P.

Dr. Warpe, the former headmaster, too, came to stand by the grave, and among those who were not far from his side were the Hon. Frank Curzon and the Hon. Charles Trefusis.

Taken From the Boys.

The body was borne on a car, behind which came the boys of the house and then the servants, from the historic house in which she died to the college chapel, filled to overflowing with old and present Etonians. Here, in the hush of the crowded assembly, the venerable provost, Dr. Hornby, read the lesson, and the choir sang "Peace, Perfect Peace."

At the graveside, near which a great crowd stood with bared heads as the coffin was brought, the Rev. Edward Lytton, the headmaster, and the Rev. H. T. Bowlby concluded an affecting service which left many eyes wet.

The grave into which the plain coffin was lowered had been lovingly lined with evergreens and white flowers by the servants of Miss Evans.

Anoche token, which attracted the attention of all, was a magnificent cross of white flowers, inscribed "A respectful token of love from the boys," which was laid on the coffin. There were many other beautiful wreaths among the 150 sent, notably that from the Eton Society.

GENTLEMAN RANKER'S ROMANCE.

Blind, and Cast Off by His Wealthy Father, He Makes a Pathetic Appeal for Assistance.

Well-dressed and of commanding presence, a middle-aged man, said to be a gentleman ranker, who was blind, made a pathetic appeal for help to the Brentford magistrates yesterday.

As a very last resource, he said, he had come to consult them on a delicate matter—how to subsist for a few days longer. For thirteen and a half years he had been in the 17th Lancers, and when in South Africa he contracted enteric fever, and was discharged with a pension of 1s. a day.

Through total blindness he was quite unable to work. He wanted help for a few days until one of the beds in a London hospital promised him fell vacant.

His wealthy father, for a "romantic reason" which he desired to remain secret, had, he said, cut him and another brother off.

The case was placed in the hands of the court missionary.

ANOTHER RAILWAY SUFFERS.

Brighton Line Feels Tramway Competition and Will Speedily Electrify Suburban Service.

Another railway company to deplore a falling-off in passenger receipts is the London and Brighton line, at a meeting of which yesterday it was stated that the second-class traffic showed the greatest decrease. In the past half-year there had been fewer passengers by nearly half a million, electric tramway competition being the cause.

It was hoped that the work of electrifying the line from London Bridge to Victoria would be commenced almost immediately.

The system adopted would obviate the use of the "live rail," the current being conveyed by a wire overhanging the track.

The company was now in negotiation with the General Electric Company of Berlin, and it was proposed that with the single exception of the motors for the first set of eight trains the whole plant should be of British manufacture.

OVERLOADING OF SHIPS MUST CEASE.

The Board of Trade is now keeping a more watchful eye on vessels leaving British ports overloaded.

Several cases have recently occurred in which vessels, after preparing for departure, have been compulsorily lightened.

MRS. YERKES REMARRIES.

Millionaire's Wife, a Month After His Death Takes a Second Husband.

Mrs. C. T. Yerkes, it is announced, has remarried. The bridegroom is a Mr. Wilson Mizner, a young Californian gentleman only twenty-nine years of age.

It will be remembered that Mr. Yerkes died as recently as December 29, and a further air of oddity is given to the wedding by the fact that it was celebrated at eight o'clock at night.

Mr. Mizner, who is the son of a former United States Minister to Mexico and Guatemala, has been interviewed with regard to the report, but refuses either to deny or to confirm it.

Mrs. Yerkes had been estranged from her husband for some time before his death, and they lived apart.

SALVATION ARMY BRIDES.

"Popcorn Parties" Will Introduce Them to Eager and Eligible Bridesmaids in the Far West.

Novel methods will be used by the Salvation Army in introducing the fifty brides to the waiting bridesmaids when the emigrant ship Kensington arrives at Canada.

There is some prejudice, it is stated, against card-playing and dancing-parties, but, according to a Salvation Army official, seen yesterday, there will be no objection to "popcorn parties," "toffy-pullings," "apple-butter boilings," and "apple-pie socials."

Under Lord Rothschild's scheme for sending 200 poor Tottenham families to Canada, the first batch of fifty families will be sent out on February 13.

On the previous night the party will be given a dinner, and they will be conveyed to Marylebone in motor-omnibuses.

"TOOTHBRUSH DRILL."

Novel Recreation for L.C.C. Scholars Conducted by the Teachers.

A new feature has been added to the curriculum of the London County Council Schools.

Habits of health and cleanliness are henceforth to be inculcated in the form of what may be known as "toothbrush drill."

Already in one East End school instruction has started, and every day, immediately before the morning "break," all the children, ranging in age from four to thirteen, are marshalled in line and receive instruction in the proper method of cleaning their teeth.

The children are greatly amused at the new drill, and take it very well indeed. After each drill the master or mistress in charge will personally examine the pupils, to see their instruction has been properly carried out.

WHAT IS A PAGE?

Magisterial Decision Elevates Doctor's Boy to the Dignity of "a Male Servant."

Is a doctor's boy a page? The point was argued at the South-Western Police Court before Mr. de Grey yesterday, when Mr. Joseph B. Wallace, M.D., of Battersea-rose, was summoned for keeping a male servant without a licence.

The "male servant in question" was a boy who answered the surgery door, ran errands, cleaned boots, windows, and door handles, and did other odd jobs.

For the defence it was urged that if a doctor's boy employed to deliver medicine and run errands was considered a page, then the oilman's boy who left bundles of wood at the doors of customers must be a page also.

Mr. de Grey, who regarded the case as an interesting one, decided against the doctor, and ordered him to pay the 15s. licence and 2s. costs.

PRIVATE "TOMMYSKI ATKINSKI."

A private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, remanded for theft at West London Police Court yesterday, admitted that he was "Russian-Hebrew."

Magistrate: Fancy Russians in our Army fighting our battles!

KINGSTON'S NEW TRAMWAYS READY.

A trial run will be made to-day over two new tramway sections at Kingston, which link up all parts of the borough with Malden and Surbiton.

When lines now being constructed are complete the Tooting route will be connected, via Kingston and the London United Tramways system, with Hampton Court.

PROSPEROUS AT ELECTION TIMES.

"He has been working for his father, who is an election agent, and they have been making plenty of money lately," urged a plaintiff against a debtor at the Bow County Court yesterday.

"SMART SET" FLIRTATION.

Sherlock Holmes Methods and a
Bungalow Breakfast.

LADY'S BATH EPISODE.

The doings and alleged love-makings of smart people as seen through the eyes of servants were described in the Divorce Court yesterday.

Mr. Auberon Joseph Stourton, known to his "Smart Set" friends as "Auberon," is bringing a petition for restitution of conjugal rights against Mrs. Stourton, whom he used to call "Kiddy." The latter has entered a counter-suit for divorce, accusing her husband of guilty relations with a young lady known as Miss Matterson to servants, but to her friends as "Shrimp."

In the words of Mrs. Stourton, "Auberon" and "Shrimp" had "a great flirtation."

It was so great that it extended through many months and over many house-parties. It caused Mrs. Stourton, so it is alleged, to lose her hunting nerve, and to refuse easy jumps, and it finally led to the present proceedings.

"Smart Set" Manners.

Yesterday's first critical comment on "Smart Set" manners was made by a lady's-maid, Mrs. Stourton's maid. This young person had observed that at dinner-parties at Paxton Hall, the Stourtons' country seat in the Midlands, what might be called a gambling method of going into dinner was adopted. Instead of the lady of the highest rank being taken in first, the gentlemen cast lots for partners. The names of Mr. Stourton and Miss Matterson, however, were omitted from the hat, or whatever was used, for the two always went in together.

What at first sight appeared to be a criticism even more startling than that relating to gambling was made by the maid.

Mrs. Stourton never had a bath, she told an astonished Court.

"You don't blame Mr. Stourton for that?" said Mr. Duke.

"I mean after hunting," added the maid, trying to hide her blushes.

Mr. Priestley, K.C. (anxiously): She did bathe at other times?"

"Oh, certainly," replied the maid.

What He Noticed.

A footman named Fisher—before he was promoted to a Scotch castle he was in the service of the Micklethwaites, Miss Matterson's brother-in-law and sister—had seen things which he mentioned in tones of severe disapproval.

He had noticed:—

1. Mr. Stourton and Miss Matterson sitting on a couch together.
2. Mr. Stourton and Miss Matterson walking arm-in-arm together.
3. Miss Matterson sitting in the drawing-room sobbing, and with a handkerchief to her eyes.

The "arm-in-arm" episode occurred at Birchington-on-Sea on the beach. Mr. Duke suggested that Mr. Stourton with ordinary gallantry merely assisted Miss Matterson up the cliffs.

"They were not very steep," said the footman. "I understand," replied Mr. Duke. "You would not have offered your own arm in the circumstances." (Laughter.)

A butler like these painful communications to make. In the course of his duties he had occasion to pass by a letter, lying open, from Miss Matterson to Mr. Stourton. His eye was caught by the phrase "My love."

When he told Mrs. Stourton's solicitors about this Mr. Stourton was so upset that he declared it would mean the ruin of himself, Mr. Stourton, his wife and child, and two other people.

Threat of Suicide.

Mr. Stourton also threatened to commit suicide by revolver.

The evidence of Mrs. Hearn, proprietress of an hotel at Birchington-on-Sea, supplemented the testimony from the servants' hall.

Mrs. Hearn remembered Mr. Stourton coming to Birchington for week-ends. Before he got up in the morning Miss Matterson, who was staying at a bungalow with her relatives, came to visit him. While Birchington was under discussion the subsidiary question of Birchington cabs was introduced. Were these indigenous, or were they imported from Market? It was asked by Mr. Duke.

Mr. Priestley, K.C. (mischievously): There is a tariff against them.

Mr. Duke (who has lately contested Plymouth, which he used to represent) smiled his acknowledgments.

Much entertainment was caused by the evidence of a pretty bookkeeper from the hotel. She had said, "Walk through, miss," when Miss Matterson came to the hotel to inquire for Mr. Stourton. She had also waited up quite late to let Mr. Stourton in, and she had charged him for "saundries" in his bill. "Saundries," she explained, were "whiskies and sodas." (Laughter.)

The case was adjourned.

MAYFAIR CHURCH BURNED

Christ Church, Down-Street, Piccadilly, Completely Destroyed.

Fire yesterday destroyed Christ Church, Down-street, Piccadilly, a handsome edifice and fashionable place of worship. A magnificent organ and the beautiful stained-glass east window were involved in the ruin, but fortunately the church registers and records were found intact in a fireproof safe.

The fire, which provided a fine spectacle, burned with great fierceness, and nearly one hundred firemen were required to prevent it from spreading to the vicarage and adjoining houses. Viscount Hood and his family were warned of their danger, and the horses removed from Lord Londonderry's mews; but fortunately the flames were extinguished before any other building was attacked.

The vicar, the Rev. Herbert Roswell, was away from home, and only arrived to see the church where he had ministered for eighteen years a complete ruin.

In his lifetime the Duke of Cambridge held sittings in the church. Other well-known parishioners are the Duke of Westminster, Lord Londonderry, and Lord Iveagh.

The church was the scene of Lord Rosebery's marriage in 1878 to Hannah, daughter and heiress of Baron Meyer de Rothschild, of Mentmore, Bucks. Another notable marriage in the church was that—three years later—of the daughteress Burdett-Coutts and Mr. William Ashmead Bartlett.

The cause of the fire is stated to have been the overheating of the furnace flue.

NEW MINISTER'S MOTOR-CAR.

Judge Will Not Allow Action Against Mr. Hudson Kearley, of the Board of Trade, To Be Postponed.

A member of the new Government, Mr. H. E. Kearley, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, was mentioned in Bloomsbury County Court yesterday as a defendant.

Mr. Kearley's advocate asked for the adjournment of the case—his client's absence abroad was the reason—and it was stated that the matter in dispute was a claim for £3 2s, by Messrs. Alfred Dunhill, Limited, motor-car makers, 309, Euston-road.

Judge Bacon: Defendant being a member of Parliament does not prevent his attendance, does it? He can have nothing to do until Parliament meets. Then he may be busy.

Mr. Birkett: It is an exceedingly stale claim.

Judge: All the more reason for the case being heard quickly. These courts were established for the more speedy recovery of small debts, and if I allow an M.P. to go away to the south of France—I should say Monte Carlo—for a month it dislocates the business of the court. I won't adjourn the case.

FINANCIER'S FIFTH FAILURE.

Wanted to Lend Turkey Two Millions and Loses on Horses.

A curious explanation was given yesterday by Mr. William Noel Middleton, financial agent, of 73, Victoria-street, Westminster, when he came before the Bankruptcy Court for examination.

This was his fifth failure, and his liabilities were estimated at £500.

"I attribute my position," he said, "to loss on horse races in Paris and to the falling through of negotiations for the loan of £2,000,000 to the Turkish Government in consequence of the Sultan having defied the Powers."

The Official Receiver: Why do you not keep away from the court?—I can't help it. The creditors will bring me here. But it's a mere bagatelle this time, and if the meeting is adjourned for a short time I shall be able to pay twenty shillings in the £.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned for three weeks.

"BURLESQUE" SACRED CONCERT.

"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" and "Daddy" having been sung at a "sacred" concert at the Theatre Royal, Walsend on a recent Sunday, the manager was summoned for a breach of the terms of his licence, and the magistrates decided that the performance had been "a burlesque of a sacred concert." But they mercifully ordered him to pay costs only.

BULL CHASES GIRL CIGAR-MAKERS.

While being driven along a street in Leicester, a bull made a sudden dash up a steep flight of stairs into the cigar factory of Messrs. Turner and Co., and entered a room from which twenty girls who were at work fled in panic.

It was secured after it had smashed some machinery and damaged several hundred cigars.

Sentence of death upon Gertrude Dye, of Milverton, Somerset, who murdered her infant child and was convicted at Taunton, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

GIBSON GIRL AT LAW.

Claims To Be an Actress and Not Merely "Chorus."

FINE STAGE DISTINCTION.

When the young lady who is professionally known on the stage as Miss Ethel Katri first paid a visit to the High Court her full name was Miss Ethel Lucy Katri Thomas.

Since then a happy event has occurred. A fortnight ago she became "Mrs. Hawkins."

As "Mrs. Hawkins" she essayed to get a jury's definite pronouncement on a question which another jury had disagreed over when she was Miss Thomas.

The question is: Were Messrs. A. and S. Gatti and Mr. Charles Frohman justified by theatrical custom when at a fortnight's notice they deprived her of her position as a Gibson girl in "The Catch of the Season" at the Vaudeville Theatre?

Was an Actress.

Mrs. Hawkins considers that, as hers was a speaking part, she was an actress, and engaged for the whole run—yesterday's was the 600th performance of the piece—and that she was not a "chorus girl," subject to "the usual fourteen days' notice on either side."

She repeated in the witness-box her "speaking part." "I am a wonder at spotting winners, and I hardly ever lose at bridge." This sentence was reinforced in another scene by "Dear old Hyde Park."

It was as a Gibson girl that Mr. Seymour Hicks engaged her, she said, because she did her hair like Mr. Gibson's lovely heroines. There were nine other Gibson girls, all with "speaking parts," and all actresses in consequence. Her own part had originally been longer.

It was noticed that under an elegant hat, Mrs. Hawkins's tresses were coiffured in the approved Gibson style.

"At Their Last Hole."

When the young lady first received an intimation that room must be found for older members of the company, she wrote the following little note:—

"I am frightfully sorry, as things are at their last hole with me. I ought to be used to bad luck. I suppose I must buck up. It is no use having the blues."

As she received a promise of work at another theatre, she did not take further action at once. But when, having been sent to see Mr. Boucicault, she was told by that gentleman that "he wanted ladies six feet high," she consulted a solicitor.

Mr. Brabourne, an actor, gave evidence about the "custom of the profession." A "speaking part" made a lady or gentleman an actress or an actor, declared this authority. Whether a man played Hamlet or the second murderer in Macbeth, he was an actor.

"I have played the second murderer myself," Mr. Brabourne added.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

MYSTERY OF A CIGARETTE-CASE.

Casual Acquaintance Invited to a Hotel Agrees to Return It for £20.

Mr. Joseph Constance Jones, a young man of independent means, of Hove, told a remarkable narrative at Bow-street yesterday, and upon the strength of it Patrick Caleb, a Dublin lad, of eighteen, was remanded on a charge of stealing a gold cigarette case.

It was late on Monday evening that Caleb stopped Jones in Shaftesbury-avenue, and claimed acquaintance, because, he said, they had met before in Dublin.

Jones invited Caleb to his room at the Victoria Hotel, and presently the host went to bed, and allowed Caleb to leave.

The next morning he missed his case. He communicated with the police, under whose instructions he met the accused, and asked him if he could recover it. If he did he would pay him £20.

Caleb replied that he did not know where the case was, but returned in twenty minutes.

COASTGUARDS' GRIM MONOPOLY.

The inspector of nuisances at Shoeburyness, Essex, complains that he frequently receives requests to bury carcasses of dogs found on the shore, and has been informed by the authorities that as it is the duty of the coastguards to bury dead cattle, sheep, and pigs, he should pass on to them all requests relating to dead dogs.

GIRLS FLEE BAREFOOT DOWN LADDERS.

Two storeys of a mill in Manchester belonging to Messrs. Bellhouse were gutted by a fire yesterday. Over a hundred women and girls made a hurried exit in scanty apparel by the permanent outside escape, many of them pattering down iron ladders barefoot.

DISASTER SPELLS GAIN

Curious Coincidence Connected with Collapse of Charing Cross Roof.

By an extraordinary coincidence the £3 which the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company paid the South-Eastern Chatham Railway for the sub-soil in Charing Cross yard will just pay for the rebuilding of the station roof.

This enormous sum was agreed upon two years ago, when the new company decided that it should have a station under Charing Cross yard, probably a record price for sub-soil—that it should take all the company get for their money, cause, of course, the traffic overhead of travel arriving at, and departing from, the South-Eastern and Chatham terminus must go on as usual, and as before.

If the disaster to the roof of the famous station spelt great loss to the unfortunate South-Eastern and Chatham shareholders, it certainly brought little luck to the new railway company. Owing to the absence of traffic from the yard the engine have been able to work from the surface in building their new station instead of having to sink at the side and drive headings through it all the way to achieve the same object.

This means that between five and six million labour has been saved, or, to put it in another way, what is being done in two months would have taken seven or eight months to accomplish had cables, cranes, and omnibuses been flowing in and out of Charing Cross yard as usual. The saving of money as well as of time, has been a consideration of moment importance to the new company.

The new line runs from Charing Cross to Golden Square, a distance of about five miles, a branch from Camden Town to Highgate. It has been three years in construction, and the idea to have a main-line communication from north to south, crossing the Baker-street and Waterloo, Brompton and Piccadilly, and Finsbury Park, Holborn tube railways. When these lines linked up the problem of how to get across London in the minimum of time will be so much nearer solution.

The station at Charing Cross will be similar in appearance to the one at the Bank.

"DON'T PUT ME IN A MADHOUSE"

Young Girl Begs Her Apprehender To Protect Her from Imaginary Wild Animals.

Some sad details were related yesterday at New London Police Court to Mr. d'Eyncourt, who remanded Florence Bertha Marian Owens, a young and well-dressed woman, on a charge of throwing a corrosive fluid in the face of Miss Young.

Miss Young was employed in a situation recommended by Miss Owens on account of failing health. She had always been good friends, but suddenly the latter entered the shop where Miss Young was employed and committed the offence.

The police officer who arrested accused said she did not remember anything about the case. "They say I am mad," she added, "but won't let them put me in a house with women." On the railway journey she seemed to be suffering from delusions, and asked him to protect her from wild animals which she said were coming through the carriage window.

"A LADY-IN-WAITING."

Independent Woman Alleged to Have Made "Hobby" of Fraud.

"I am Mrs. Cashel, and am lady-in-waiting to the German princess." The German princess was posed to be Princess Bismarck.

On this representation, so counsel for the prosecution stated at the Marylebone Police Court yesterday, Adelaide Moore, of Bayswater, attempted to obtain by fraud a quantity of clothing from Messrs. Whiteley, Limited, of Westbourne-grove. The remarkable part of the case was the statement that the accused was supposed to have made and only adopted this strange form of activity as a hobby.

It was further alleged that the lady had not for her apartments, and she was committed for on more than one charge of fraud.

Brains at a Premium.

The premium may be secured by readers of the

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"WHY SHOULDN'T SONGS BE SILLY?"

Composer Says They Are Not Written for High Court Judges.

SOME TYPICAL SPECIMENS.

"This song is one of the silliest I have ever read," said Mr. Justice Bigham, when he gave judgment in the "Under the Bamboo Tree" case a couple of days ago.

Anyone who has seen the words of the song, which Miss Julie Mackey and Mr. George Edwardes thought worthy of a High Court action, will be inclined to agree with his Lordship. The chorus runs as follows:—

If you lak-a-me, lak I lak-a-you,
And we lak-a-both the same,
I lak-a-ay, this very day,
I lak-a-change your name
'Cause I love-a-me, love-a-you true,
And if you love-a-me,
One live to two, two live as one,
Under the bamboo tree.

"Why shouldn't a song be silly?" asked Mr. Bert Feldman, the music publisher, when the *Daily Mirror* asked his opinion yesterday. "The sillier the words are, the more the public like them." "We work to please the public, not Mr. Justice Bigham," remarked Mr. C. W. Murphy, the composer of "Little Yellow Bird" and "Bombay," two very big "hits." "If we wrote songs that pleased the Judges of the High Court, the public would let us starve, and it would serve us right."

AMERICAN SONGS THE SILLIEST.

"Under the Bamboo Tree" is an American song," interpolated Mr. Lester Barrett, who, as the manager of Messrs. Francis, Day, and Hunter, finds most of the "hits" that are whistled by butcher-boys. "Generally speaking, the words of American songs are not nearly so good as those of the home-made article, and when they are imported we usually have to alter them. Still, the art of song-writing is to write something that will catch on, irrespective of whether it is silly or not."

The *Daily Mirror*, searching among a pile of the popular songs of the hour, came across some which, in silliness, were nearly as bad as the famous ditty which boasted the following chorus:—

Ta-ra-ra, boom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, boom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, boom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, boom-de-ay.

The chorus of one, for instance, runs as follows:—

Do you love me—love me—love me—love me,
Love me—love me—love me—love me true?
Do you love me—love me—love me—love me,
Love me—love me—love me—love me—Love?
Yes, I love you—love you—love you—love you,
Love you—love you—love you, too!
Yes, I love you—love you—love you—love you,
Love you—yes, of course I do!

Another chorus begins:—

Bolo, Beedle, embo,
Now just to please a yo' baby,
Show the white of yo' eyes.

A rival for popularity is in a similar classical strain:—

Um beedle, beedle, um bolo,
Um beedle, beedle, um bo,
In English that means just the same as "Honey, I love you."

But when she says to me, "Beedle um bee,"
And puckers up her lips to kiss,
Well, there ain't no word in the dictionary
That means the same as this.

Here is another gem:—

Oom-pom-pom, oom-pom-pom,
Oom-pom-pom, oom-pom-pom,
When they came out of it, said to Sid,
"You should not have kissed me!"
He answered, "I didn't."
Said she, "If you didn't, well, somebody did."

A recent importation from America boasts enough silliness to make it very popular:—

Sadie, my Alabama Sadie,
I love you, deed I do.
Sadie, my Alabama Sadie,
Just say you love me, too.
Please call me your honey, honey hon,
Honey, for your style ain't no-oo-co-co.
Sadie, my Alabama Sadie,
I love you, and love you true.

The pinning of a love-sick damsel can be made almost heartrending when a capable music-hall song-writer is in form. For instance:—

"Oom-oom-oom-oom-yah-yah-yah,"

All day long she'd sigh

To the fearful din of the parrots in

The study jungle by

The Congo flowed in silence,

And father sat outside,

While the maiden was mourning, "Oom-oom-yah-yah,"

Sat inside and sighed.

It is refreshing to learn that the above chorus is "free for pantomime." That means that a pantomime artist does not have to pay for the proud privilege of singing it!

Mr. Edwardes gave £50 for the English rights of "Under the Bamboo Tree." That is three times as much as Milton got for "Paradise Lost."

DOLEFUL COUPLET FROM THE DOCK.

After accusing the police of arresting him unnecessarily, George Brookes, fined for drunkenness at Tottenham yesterday, added:—

The task is hard, the wage is low,
We get run in where'er we go.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

To-day is the fifty-seventh anniversary of the first day of free trade in England.

The official inquiry into the wreck of the *Hilda* opens to-day at Caxton Hall, Westminster.

At the annual dinner to Norfolk veterans, at Norwich yesterday, 400 old soldiers and sailors attended, wearing 650 medals.

Mr. John Bell Irving, of Whitehall, Dumfriesshire, Scotland's oldest justice of the peace and a famous stock breeder died yesterday in his ninety-fourth year.

Sacco, the fasting man at the Royal Italian Circus, felt better yesterday, and the doctor's opinion is still favourable. He has now lost 30lb. and has not tasted food for fourteen days.

The Hardwicke Society will discuss to-morrow night in the Inner Temple Lecture Hall the proposition "that this house congratulates the Liberal Party on the manner in which it has fought the late election."

Near Dumfries a ploughman has just unearthed a five-shilling piece of 1676, bearing the head of Charles II. and the stamp of the castle and elephant, the latter device showing that it was made of African silver.

Mr. Augustus Maurice, in presenting his pupils' concert at Steinway Hall last night, produced high talent, notably Signorina de Martini, Miss Edith Aronsons, Mr. Finlayson, and Mrs. Graham Lewis, who was the star of the evening. The quality of her rich soprano voice and charming rendering appealed to an appreciative audience.

Mr. J. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain arrived in London from Birmingham last night.

Oxford ratepayers decided yesterday against the electrification of the tramways by 5,092 votes to 1,117.

Captain the Hon. Archibald St. Clair, of the Scots Guards, son of Lord Sinclair, was married yesterday at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, to Miss Violet Kennedy.

Lord Roberts inspected the Manchester Telegraph Messenger Corps, 300 strong, yesterday, and addressed them on the virtues of obedience, cleanliness, order, and truthfulness.

At a meeting of the Charing Cross Electricity Supply Company yesterday, it was stated that the existing power companies had lost nothing, so far, by the competition of the gas companies.

London unemployed have decided not to co-operate with the detachment of Liverpool unemployed who are marching south, but will probably find accommodation for them on their arrival.

Lord Dudley's cousin, Alderman Cloughton, the defeated parliamentary candidate for Dudley, has given the local golf club a trophy inscribed, "From G. H. Cloughton, who got lost in a bunker, January 15, 1906."

The Follies, who open their season at the Queen's Hall to-day are including in their programme the clever song entitled, "A Dutch Wooing," by E. J. Margeton, which was so successful at Manchester. It is published by the Willis Music Company, 8, Newman-street.

LORD RIPON THE OLDEST CABINET MINISTER.



The Marquis of Ripon, Lord Privy Seal, leaving 10, Downing-street yesterday, where the first meeting of the Cabinet was held since the elections. Lord Ripon is approaching his eightieth year.

Sir Richard Jebb, late Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge University, left to his wife estate worth £5,703.

After eighteen years' service abroad, the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, now at Aden, have been ordered to Glasgow.

An Ankerly shopkeeper has been fined for sticking sweets under her scales, by which device she was assisted to give short weight.

The King has given a silver cup to the Norfolk Kennel Club, to be competed for at the Easter show by members residing in the county.

Of 176 ladies' nurses in the county, according to a Notts County Council report, sixty-six are more or less illiterate, and fifteen cannot even write their own names.

Costs in the butter prosecution, in which Messrs. Coopman and Young were fined for applying a false description, were yesterday fixed by the Clerkenwell magistrate at £250.

No trace has been found of the Scottish schooner *Isabella Stuart*, which left Irvine for Campbelltown a fortnight ago, and is believed to have foundered in the Firth of Clyde with all on board.

At a meeting of the Van Ryn Gold Mines yesterday at Winchester House, the chairman contradicted the statement that before the war, when no Chinese were available, the mines yielded as much gold as at present. Share prices then were based on expectations.

There has just been delivered a letter which was posted in 1872 from the Home Secretary's Office, addressed to a Government official at Market Harborough.

After twenty-five years' service, Police-sergeant Berry, whose poetical effusions have earned him the title "Policemen's Laureate," is retiring from the Metropolitan Force.

Captain Montefiore, a former Volunteer officer, has presented a hundred-guinea cup to be competed for by the school rifle clubs, which will hold a rifle meeting at Bisley at the end of July.

Twenty-large six-wheeled coupled bogie locomotives have been ordered for the Great Central Railway, ten of them being intended for fast train services from Grimsby to London and Manchester.

There are two rectors in the village of Brent Elcigh, Suffolk, and, although one of them has been held to have forfeited his living, the parishioners prefer him, and will not pay the other his stipend.

During the visit of London County Councillors to Paris a gala performance will be given on February 9 in the Paris Alhambra, which is owned by Mr. Thomas Barrasford, the lessee of the Lyceum in London.

Dangerous gunpowder cartridges having been found among coils supplied from their Hartshead Pit, the Low Moor Coal and Iron Company, of Brighouse, Yorks, offers £10 reward for information leading to conviction.

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MODERN AMUSEMENTS AND MODERN NERVES.

ANOTHER of the amusing trials in which Mr. George Edwardes is from time to time concerned has just been decided in Mr. Justice Bigham's Court. It was all about a song—a mere song over which several combatants were battling as though for a precious thing, as though for an immortal masterpiece of singing. But this was not a masterpiece at all. Mr. Justice Bigham, in summing up, remarked that it was "one of the silliest songs he had ever read in his life."

Yet it had apparently enchanted thousands. Mr. George Edwardes, whose vast and prolonged experience of humanity in its quest for amusement must have made him quite a philosopher by now, knows perfectly well that silliness and popularity have in the matter of song-writing become almost as inseparable as cause and effect. To be popular you must be silly; though, of course, to be silly is not necessarily to be popular.

Quite a grave treatise might be written on the evolution of musical comedy to illustrate this increase in the frivolity of modern amusements. There was a time—it was the time of Gilbert and Sullivan, of Offenbach, and of Méilhac—when some faint suggestion of a plot was, if not precisely a recommendation, at any rate not a disqualification for success in entertainments of this sort. A certain coherence was demanded in the wording of them; a certain reason was welcomed in their rhymes.

Now, nothing of the sort. A rapid tune, a pretty face, imbecile words—in fact, scarcely words at all—are the proper ingredients for success.

And do not imagine that the only people who crowd to these amusements are silly people. Philosophers, too, take an intense delight in them. Herbert Spencer sought recreation from musical comedy. Those who watched his vast expanse of head, and the closely-compressed lips that seemed to be passing cold judgment upon the eternal vanity of men and women, used to wonder why he came. He came because it amused him. The synthetic philosophy could not altogether satisfy: musical comedy filled the void.

Some people are content to abuse the patrons—whether fools or philosophers—of this modern imbecility. A serious critic once exclaimed upon the strangeness of it. "I went from the busy street," he said (and I give the substance of his speech), "into the theatre. In the street I had seen poverty and riches; real men and women; life."

"But what did I see in the theatre? Seven men dressed as dandies were kicking up seven legs and announcing in incoherent syllables that they had been out late and were now in a state of intoxication. The play had begun and the audience seemed amused. I watched them in amazement, for this was neither beautiful nor funny, nor anything like life. Were these people in the audience mad?"

No, not mad—but only tired. In the day-time they had worked, one at his synthetic philosophy, another at his social ambition, a third over his business. Having lived at the full strain of modern life, they had no thought left for the evening. Therefore they sought inanity—and found it.

Modern entertainments, in fact, are perfectly congruous with modern life. We hear much nowadays about the state of nerves brought about by the high pressure under which we live. Only this month an article appears in the "Contemporary Review" by Dr. Guthrie Rankin on the neurasthenia caused by it.

Well, one of the consequences of our over-pressure is the frivolity of our amusements, and musical comedy is only an indirect result of competition.

A. F.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Death is not, as it has been so often pictured, like a great thick wall. It is rather like a soft and yielding curtain, through which we cannot see, but which is always moving and trembling with the impulses that come out of the life which lies upon the other side of it.—*Philips Brooks.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE trouble in which Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice has been involved owing to "a purely private and academic discussion with a French officer," which the latter straightway reported in a newspaper, shows once again how very careful official people have to be of what they talk about in private. What we might possibly be induced to say to a friend we would be very unwilling to say to the public. And why diplomatic receptions and political parties are so exceedingly dull is simply because the fear of saying too much prevents the guests from saying anything at all.

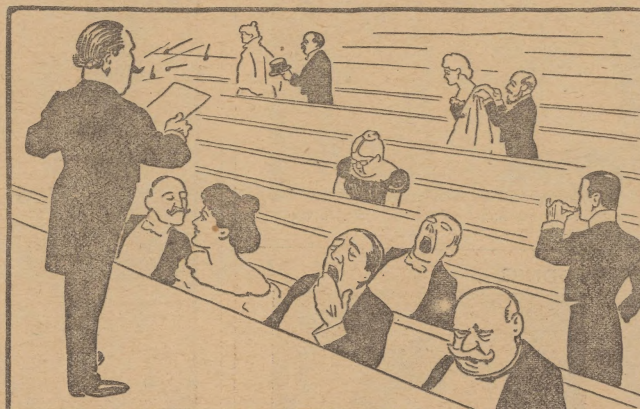
The late Lord Carnarvon, when he was Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in 1885, had one of these interesting "academic discussions" with Mr. Parnell. The result was that Parnell secured a secret hold upon the Tory Party, which was accused, at a time when anti-Parnellite feeling ran

practically the first thing he has written since "Letty"—for "A Wife Without a Smile," that rather unsuccessful attempt to be funny which aroused Mr. Stead's indignation little more than a year ago, was understood to be merely Mr. Pinner's method of taking a rest in the interval between two plays more characteristic of him.

The French stars at the Royalty only shine for a brief season, and M. Silvain, after his triumph in Le Père Lebonnard, gave his final performance last night. M. de Féruy in "Les Affaires sont les Affaires," M. Silvain in "Lebonnard," and Mme Réjane in "La Rafale," have certainly been the most interesting performances we have seen during this season. To-night a new company appears with M. Galipaux, the well-known Palais Royalist, and Mlle. Thomassin, in Alfred Capus's comedy, "La Petite Fonctionnaire."

This play, like almost all that Capus has produced during the last ten years or so, was an im-

WHY SILLY SONGS ARE SUNG.



Mr. Justice Bigham says that "Under the Bamboo Tree" is one of the silliest songs he has ever read. Music publishers declare that this is the greatest compliment he could pay it, as the sillier a song is the more successful. The top picture shows an English audience listening to a melodious song with real music and containing no idiocies. The bottom picture shows an audience listening to a song of the "empty-idly-um" order, and sounding like the product of a born lunatic. The difference in the pictures explains the preference singers show for rubbish.

high, of bargaining with the uncrowned king—and, indeed, there is some truth in the charge. Once an official, it would seem that a man must be an official always.

Major-General Maurice is one of the many soldiers whose fathers have been clergymen. The Church and the Army have frequently shown a connection of this sort before. And even, once or twice, there have been instances of a man leaving the Army for the Church. The present Archbishop of York, Dr. Maclagan, is, I believe, an instance of this. He was born on Waterloo day, which fell that year on a Sunday, and it was always said that the day decided his profession. "He must be a soldier—born on Waterloo day," said an old servant of his father's family. "He must be a minister, since he is born on Sunday," said the father. Dr. Maclagan solved the difficulty by serving five years in the Indian Army, and then becoming an ornament of the Established Church.

The great event of to-day is the production of Mr. Pinner's new play at the St. James's. This is

mense success. The Parisians have not yet grown weary—they who weary of most things sooner or later—of what they are indulgent enough to call the "philosophy" of this most fortunate of playwrights. Philosophy, properly so-called, there is little or none in his works, unless it be the philosophy of chance. It is understood by the pleasure-loving people of these plays that it is no good striving for or against anything. If you want a thing your striving will not bring it—it will only come with luck, with "la veine," the goddess who rules all things mortal, and is generally allowed, in the incidents invented by Capus for the satisfaction of Paris, to be a kindly deity, willing to plunge everybody who happens to be cheerful and good-looking into a world of champagne, restaurants, compliant millionaires, beautiful, frivolous women, diamonds, and automobiles.

There is, moreover, never a bill to pay in this smoothly-flowing world. Champagne does not produce gout, nor late hours weariness. Perhaps the cult of luck has been instilled into the author by his own experience.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

COUNTRY-HOUSE TIPPING.

The person who signs himself "E. M." must be very ignorant as to what good service is. "The Duke," for instance, would not send £100 to the servants' hall in a large establishment; it would be given to the house steward.

What was "E. M." doing in a third-class carriage among the Duke's valets and maids, who generally travel second-class? EXPERIENCED. Cardiff.

I think if some of the gentlemen who talk about the wealth of servants were placed in servants' shoes they would not care to wear them long.

There are two kinds of guests in country houses. The one kind treat a servant as a human being, the other kind speak to them as to a dog.

I would sooner wait on the kind that give respect, and not receive a copper, than I would be bullied by the other, and receive gold. J. H. Leicestershire.

Perhaps those of your correspondents who protest so eagerly against the "cormorant" servant of country-houses fail to realise how hard these much-abused people have to work, how miserably rewarded they are, and how their labours are increased by these huge house-parties.

One of your correspondents complains that the servants "only get in the way." Would he then prefer to do his own bedroom, cook his own food, and clean his own boots? Dorking. ONE OF THE CORMORANTS.

LOVE-MAKING—NORTH AND SOUTH.

Personally, I am used to receiving admirably written sonnets, in many cases accompanied by pen-and-ink drawings, and in a good many country districts serenading is not uncommon in the summer months.

Why all this fuss about the King of Spain and his motor-car? How many English girls are there with admirers who make haste on a motor-car, and frequently cover a journey of far more than a few miles to see their affianced? Yet you describe a motor-car as a novelty in courtship. G. M. Tunbridge Wells.

I do not for one moment dispute the truth of the statement that English lovers are more matter-of-fact and less passionate and romantic than their southern brothers; nobody with any common sense can fail to see that such is the case. But does the average English girl desire that her lover shall be all ardour, passion, and devotion?

Personally, I must say that, although I like a certain amount of love-making and attention (what girl does not?), I want, above all, a companion in a lover—and a combination of these two is, in my opinion, infinitely preferable to the sentimental creature who can never discuss any subject without interlarding all his remarks with nonsensical compliments and languishing looks.

Stoke Newington, Jan. 30. A LONDON GILL.

THE MEANING OF SOCIALISM.

Mr. W. H. Bulley's letter is highly amusing. Fancy comparing the French Revolution with the temperate proposals of the English Socialist.

A Socialist is an idealist, but he does not seek to realise his ideal by civil war. If this comes to England it will come from quite another source. It will come not from the Socialist (who is a thinking man), but it will result from the sudden upheaval of that underground England which lies like a plague spot beneath her fair surface—that mass of humanity which thinks little but knows only that it wants food, and wonders vaguely why it is not permitted to get it.

Are socialistic schemes purely visionary and wholly impracticable? What of the Post Office? That was once considered impracticable. If the State can run one concern for the good of the nation, why should it be impracticable to do the same with others? C. LEVER. St. Michael's-square, Gloucester.

AN OMNIBUS INCIDENT.

I think "Onlooker," who writes from Dulwich, is most unreasonable to require that an omnibus should be stopped for every passenger.

We English are already credited with being the "slowest crowd on earth." But what will it be when omnibuses are compelled to stop so often, and how long will it take to get through the City?

It is very well for people to do that sort of thing at Dulwich where any time the morrow or next week will do, but not here in the West End and City.

ONE GIRL WHO CAN GET OFF AN OMNIBUS MAIDA VALE. PROPERLY.

IN MY GARDEN.

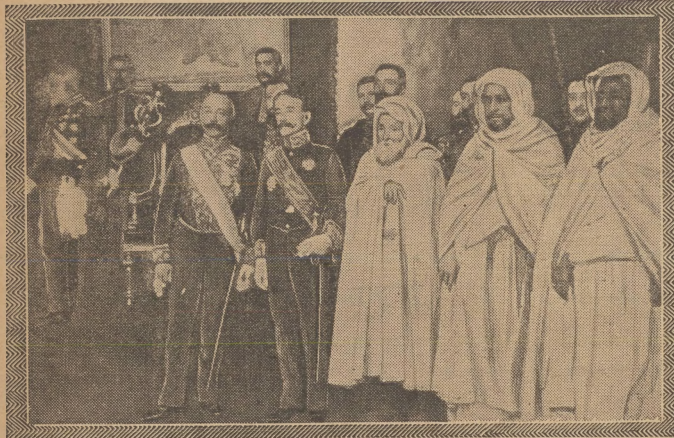
JANUARY 31.—One begins to watch flowering and other trees with great interest, for their buds are developing.

The flower-buds on the yellow berberis foretell a grand mass of colour later on, while lilacs are slowly awaking. On the green stems of the forsythia one can plainly see where the golden bells will hang.

Then from leafless trees and shrubs we turn to the evergreens, noting the bright Irish and golden yews, the cheerful veronicas, the white-starred laurustinus, the yellow-budded furze. E. F. T.

PHOTOGRAPH.

MOROCCO CONFERENCE AT ALGECIRAS.



At the conference at Algiers the Moroccan delegates, reading from right to left, in the front row, are: Sid el Moeri, Mohammed Torres, and Ca de Tovar.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.



Miss Mildred Lambert Swiney, daughter of Captain H. Stephen Swiney, of Stanmore, Canterbury, married to-day to—



—Mr. Harry Charles Malet, 8th Hussars, cousin of Sir Henry Malet, Bart., at St. Peter's, Eaton-square.

SCHOOLCHILDREN AT TOOTH-BRUSH DRILL.

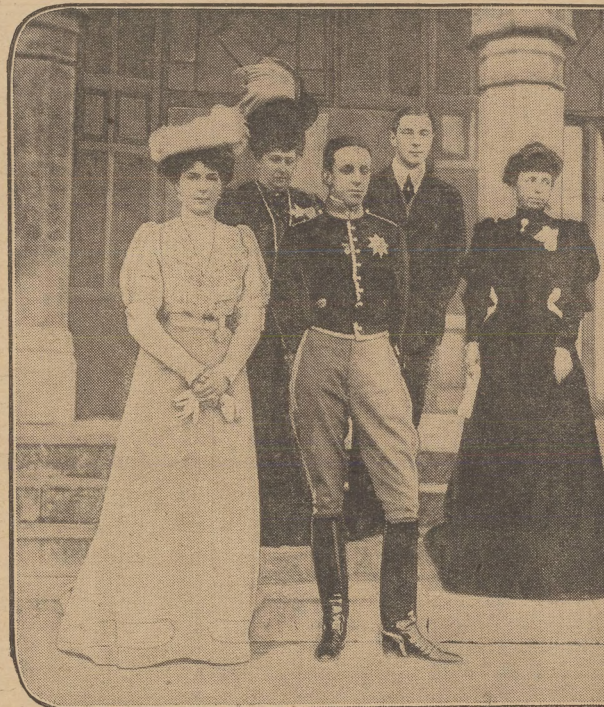


Acting on the suggestion of their medical officer, the London County Council have given instruction that tooth-brush drill be carried out in their schools the last thing at night.



CURRENT

PRINCESS ENA AT MIRAMAR PALACE, SAN SEBASTIAN.



King Alfonso entertaining his future bride at Miramar Palace, San Sebastian. right of the photograph is the Queen-mother of Spain, while Princess Henry berg stands behind her daughter, Princess Ena.

PRINCE GEORGE OF BATTENBERG.



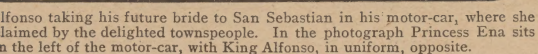
Son of Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, Prince George, is a naval cadet on his father's flagship, H.M.S. Drake.

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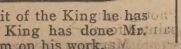


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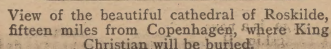
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VILLAGERS REHEARSING *the* HILDENBOROUGH PLAY



For the fourth year the village players of Hildenborough, on Monday next, produce an original play. It is called the "Pilgrim's Rest," and is written by Mr. Dagney Major. (1) Fugitive claiming sanctuary from monks; (2) pilgrims on a village green; (3 and 4) rehearsing one of the scenes in Act I; and (5) the landlord of the Minister Chimes Inn prevents a quarrel. The above photographs were taken by the *Daily Mirror* at Hildenborough.

THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

CHAPTER XXIII. (continued).

Armageddon.

Mr. Lampirthy looked at the flashing eyes and the wild, earnest face with a glance of cold approval. The man's voice had quickened his blood, but had not touched his keen intellect. He had heard this sort of thing before in Hyde Park on a Sunday.

"You are a Socialist," he said coldly. "You think both riches and poverty are evils, and that there would be a sort of millennium if the money were taken away from the rich and divided among the poor."

"I do not think that," Father Francis replied, once more lowering his voice to the tone of a man who wishes to convince by argument rather than rhetoric. "In fact, I am sure that any scheme of that sort would be unsuccessful. At the best it would only be a temporary relief of the present inequalities. The money would be poured out, but it would flow back again, as it always has flowed, to the men of strength and will and intellect."

"I think," continued Father Francis, "that you misunderstood my words when I said that the god of Mammon must be destroyed. I was not thinking of the poor when I made the appeal. I was thinking of the whole social system, which is rapidly moving backwards with every advance of civilisation. Money is the canker that is eating out all that is best in human nature. The society is advancing, and becoming more complex, but the individual is deteriorating. Most of the evils, and nearly all the unhappiness, in the world are due to the fact that the key to the whole system is money."

"That is a statement which requires proof."

"It lies round you wherever you turn your eyes to your fellow-men. Nine out of every ten people, I might say ninety-nine out of every hundred people, whether rich, poor, or of moderate means, spend most of their life in the pursuit of wealth, or of the bodily pleasures which wealth can purchase. Money is the main central fact in their lives. All else revolves about it. And so long as that is the case, so long must there be unhappiness in the world."

"I do not see that," interposed Mr. Lampirthy. "Do you not see that it is a great evil when men have nothing else to fall back on, nothing else on which to centre their thoughts? Do you not see that the poor man is miserable because he has not enough of the only thing he values; do you not see that the man who is comfortably off is absolutely devoid of everything that can raise his brain and soul above the material nature of his daily wants and pleasures; do you not see that the rich man—yes, I need not speak to you of that. You know how much happiness wealth can bring a man of brains and energy and character. As for the life of the rich idler, it is beneath contempt."

"Money," replied Mr. Lampirthy, "is merely a means of exchange—an inseparable adjunct of social life, whether it be in the form of cheques or gold or sea-shells. It must always be important, because it is necessary."

"Important?" said Father Francis. "Yes, but not the most important thing in the world. Why should all else be sacrificed for it? Why should men lie, and cheat, and wear out their brains and bodies and souls in the desire to possess it? Very little of it will be for a life of comfort. What, after all, does a man want but food and clothing and a roof over his head, and time to devote himself to the betterment of his soul and intellect? But what do we find to be actually the case? Each generation requires more than the one which preceded it. The luxury of one is the necessity of the next, the self-denial of the one that follows. The world is sweeping on standard to standard, from one standard to another. It thinks it is advancing, and so it is, in luxury and civilisation; but the men and women in it are slipping backwards. It is killing itself by inches. It will die of sheer exhaustion; it will wear out both the brain and body of the individuals in what it is pleased to call the March of Progress. Society has become a relentless machine which crushes out all that should make life worth living. I do not know how you have attained your position, but I can guess that it has partly been through the ruin of other men, and that you have done much that you will not care to think about on your death-bed. Take the tradesman, who sells adulterated goods, and calls it the custom of the trade; take the artist who paints popular pictures, the author who writes popular books, the musician who composes popular music, the lawyer who prolongs litigation, the labourer who shirks his work and robs his master of an hour every day, take even the lowest of all, and the most honest, in that he does not profess to be an honest man—the criminal—the common type of all—the man who steals."

He paused, and his whole body quivered with emotion. His hands were clenched. His eyes glowed with the fire of enthusiasm. His very attitude breathed out destruction.

"Yes?" said Mr. Lampirthy softly.

"What is the evil of all these men? What has destroyed their honesty, has so constituted their art, has made them forgetful of their better selves? Only the desire for money—to be got honestly, if possible, but got at any price. This is the boasted result of all the centuries of civilisation, and this alone. Men are no happier, nobler, purer, more unselfish, more artistic, more learned, save in

science, than they were in the time of Julius Caesar. They have railways, telephones, motor-cars, and all the various toys which science has contributed to the advancement of money-making and pleasure. But they have nothing else, and they have lost much. And the evil that is threatening the whole race with mental and moral destruction is the pursuit of money. But I have sworn to God to destroy this idol, and by God's help I will!"

For a few moments there was silence. Father Francis stood erect as a soldier, and his face, haggard, wild, and unkempt, was clearly defined against the background of a pale blue wall-paper. The millionaire sat calmly in his chair, the embodiment of passive resistance.

"You are a dreamer," said Mr. Lampirthy, "an idealist. There is nothing practical in what you say. What do you propose to substitute for this force which is, I admit, all paramount in the modern social system. If you destroy, you must replace, rebuild."

"By the help of God, I will replace and rebuild," said Father Francis. "I will shatter the idol and set up the worship of the true God. There is only one force which is strong enough to combat this evil, and until recent years it has held its own. Not long ago it was more powerful than kings or parliaments or wealth. It was the one thing which men feared and honoured, and for which they were willing to give their lives and happiness. It is the belief in a God—you can call it religion, if you will."

"Religion!" snapped out Mr. Lampirthy. "There are many kinds of religion, even in Christianity—there are Catholics, and Anglicans, and Nonconformists; there is the Greek Church, and I believe the Salvation Army has done much good. Yet all have failed."

"Yes," replied Father Francis. "All have failed. But it was not always so. At one time the Church was a power second to none in the direction of human affairs. Then it became a tyrant. Then men rose against it, and overthrew it. It is now a mumbled creed, a house divided against itself. In another hundred years it will be a ruin."

"And how do you propose to infuse life into this dying giant? How do you hope to succeed where so many good, brilliant, and earnest men have failed? Are you better, more clever, more earnest?"

"God forbid that I should boast," Father Francis replied, humbly, "but I have had much time for thought. For over three years I have been alone in the deserts of Arabia. My brain and body have been removed from all worldly influences. I have seen things clearly. My vision has been unclouded by the smoke and dust of modern life and modern forms of thought. At times I fancy I must have heard the voice of God. I have prayed, and I have seen the vision of a new world, in which religion is a living and actual force, in which all men's actions are determined by reference to the great standard set up for us by Christ, in which the central idea shall be that man cannot live by bread alone. That is the world which I saw in the silence of the wilderness."

"A dream," said Mr. Lampirthy kindly, "the world of a visionary, a Utopia which good men have always hoped for—but impossible in these days. You cannot put the clock of civilisation back nearly two thousand years. The whole system will crush you. How do you propose to fight against the whole world?"

"I shall preach the Word of God," the enthusiast replied in a low voice, "the simple teachings of Christ which were meant to apply to everyday life. These doctrines have left their influence on the world. They swung men's minds out of darkness into light; but now people are slipping back into darkness again—the darkness not of barbarism but of ultra-civilisation. I intend to organise a great crusade, in which men of simple lives shall go through the length and breadth of England and preach the doctrine of simplicity and honour and truth. I shall endeavour to inspire these men with all that is in my own heart, make them see with my eyes, and hear with my ears. And these in turn shall light their torches, and put them to the fuel, and send the blaze of enthusiasm through the country as a fire sweeps through the dry grass of a prairie. And England shall light up the world!"

"The fire will go out," said Mr. Lampirthy. "There is nothing new in all this. Religious revivals are common enough. They blaze up like fireworks, and all is darkness again. They are merely emotional outbursts, and experience has shown that the human mind cannot be kept at a high pitch of emotion for long."

"I am quite aware of that," answered Father Francis, "and I did not come here to waste my time and yours in trying to make you a convert to emotional religion. I am conscious of the defects in all revivals, and that is why I have come to ask for your help."

"You want money, eh?" said Mr. Lampirthy with a shrewd glance of suspicion.

"Yes," was the quiet reply. "I want money, not mere thousands, but millions of pounds. I propose to fight the Devil with his own weapons. But I want more than money, Mr. Lampirthy, I want a shrewd, practical business man, a great organiser, a comrade, who can fight the world on its own battlefield, who can deal with money to the best advantage, whose business capabilities are not clouded by emotion of any kind. In short, I want just the talents that have made you the richest man in the world."

(To be continued.)

MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP

"The good I have derived from Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup is really marvellous," writes Mr. Thomas Terry, of St. Anne's Lodge, Faversham, Kent, on January 23, 1905. "For years I suffered from indigestion and rheumatism, and now after only two months' use of the Syrup, I feel as well as though ten years had been taken off my age."

INDIGESTION

"For several years," says Mr. C. I. Boden, of 137, Sand Pits, Birmingham, "I suffered from bilious attacks and indigestion. My appetite was poor, particularly in the morning, when I was usually troubled with sickness. I tried numerous kinds of medicine, but none did me the least good. At length my wife advised me to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, a medicine from which she had recently derived much benefit. I used it, and within a few days was greatly benefited, and very soon was as well as I had ever been in my life. That was eight years ago and my health continues excellent."

BILIOUSNESS

Mrs. Emma Dimmock, of Leavesden Green, near Watford, Herts, on December 6, 1905, wrote of a severe illness following influenza, which attacked her three years ago. She became nervous, weak, lost appetite, could not digest her food, and suffered intense pains with obstinate constipation. This lasted for months, and she actually lost three stone in weight. Her doctor seemed unable to help her. Finally, she used five bottles of Mother Seigel's Syrup and was completely cured. She continued to take it a few weeks longer to make sure, and says her friends now tell her she is a very picture of health.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

Still No Sign of Any Increase in Stock Exchange Business.

CONSOLS' SLIGHT ADVANCE

CAPEL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—There were no signs of any general increase in the amount of business on the Stock Exchange to-day, but the sharp twist round in the American market created a better impression in most sections, and even the South African market was inclined to raise its head. Consols and gilt-edged stocks generally had a stronger tendency, and the price of the former advanced to 90½ for the March account. Among Colonial issues, Johannesburg Four per Cents, were perhaps unduly depressed at 96½ on holders becoming nervous as to the result of the granting of self-government to the Transvaal.

PASSENGER STOCKS EASIER.

In the Foreign Market Paris was more inclined to buy stock now that her settlement is passing over without the prospect of any difficulties. Spanish and Turkish bonds were good features, but Russians, after a better opening, closed practically unchanged. Peruvian Corporation stocks maintained yesterday's rally, and there was renewed buying of Provincial Cedula, which carried the price to 234. The easier tendency of the metal market caused a lower opening in copper shares, but later on prices rallied again.

In the Home Railway section, allowing for the fact that the general election must have caused some interruption of business, the traffics were fully as good as could have been expected. But the general absence of business and the poor response made on the part of the public to the improvement in dividends caused a dull tone.

Great Westerns were again lower on doubts being expressed as to the dividend proving up to expectations. North-Westerns remained firm on a good traffic. Passenger stocks were quoted easier. Among Scottish stocks there was some rather free selling of Caledonian Deferred.

AMERICANS IMPROVED TONE.

In the American market there appeared to be plenty of people on the look-out to pick up cheap shares this morning, with the result that prices opened a long way above the Wall Street parity, and with some minor fluctuations the advance was continued up to the close of business. The favourable quarterly statement issued by the Steel Corporation showing a net increase of 13,820,000,000, led to an active demand for the shares, and had also a good effect upon the rest of the market.

Canadian Pacific shared in the improved tone of the American market, and recovered to 17½, while Grand Trunk issues showed more vitality than of late, and left off at the best of the day. With the exception, perhaps, of the Pacific and Rosario takes, Argentine Railway traffics are hardly up to their usual form.

For one thing, a holiday was included in the period under review, while traffic has also been interfered with by a strike of cartmen in Buenos Ayres. Prices were inclined to be dull in consequence, though the maize crop news received to-day was decidedly favourable. Leopoldins had a further fall on another disappointing traffic, due to heavy rains. Arica and Tacna shares picked up to 8½, and among Mexican Rails Inter-oceanic issues were rather fancied.

BREWERY SHARES DECLINE.

Business was on a very small scale in the Miscellaneous market. Hudson's Bays recovered to 83½, Anglo "A" had a further rise to 18 5/16; Road Car shares declined to 6. The tendency among brewery stocks was somewhat irregular, but the bulk of the movements was in the downward direction.

The South African market showed signs this morning of having been sold out, and a little demand soon caused an upward movement. The close was firm at the best prices of the day as regards gold shares and also Rhodesians. Premier Diamonds, on the other hand, were weak, relapsing to 9.

The West African market continues to show a bold front, and yesterday's advance in Abosos was resumed to-day, the shares closing at 1½. Taguans and Prestea Block A were also good features. Business was nearly at a standstill in the Western market, and fluctuations were on a small scale. The further decline in the price of lead had a depressing effect upon the Hill group, and prices finished considerably lower on the day. Among Mexican mines Esperanzas recovered to 4½.

FUNERAL OF THE LAST OF THE ETON "DAMES."



Snapshots taken at the funeral yesterday of Miss Evans, the last of the Eton dames. The top photograph shows the choirboys heading the procession in Keats-lane. Below the mourners are seen at the entrance to the school-yard. Marked with a cross are Mr. Alfred Lyttelton and Sir Neville Lyttelton. At the bottom the coffin is coming out of the chapel.

BENEATH BIG BEN.

Three Hundred Busy Workers Preparing for the New Session.

Both Houses of Parliament are, at the present moment, given over to armies of cleaners, who are invading every corner with broom and wash-leather.

This invasion, perhaps, accounts for the fact that, so far, only two of the newly-elected members have ventured to peep into the "honourable House." Both are extremely young, and one of them, by hereditary instinct, should already know his way about the Chamber. The other represents a London constituency.

They were quite undismayed by the domestic bustle and activity going on around them. To the number of over three hundred these busy workers are engaged in preparing "the best club in the world" for the reception of its members on Tuesday, February 13.

Letters have already arrived in shoals for the new legislators, and the postmaster and his staff have been energetically searching for private addresses. These are at once entered in a book when found, but if the necessary information is not forthcoming the letters are sent to the post office at the chief town in the honourable member's constituency, where his private residence is sure to be known.

FAREWELL PEEPS AT FAMILIAR HAUNTS.

Almost as soon as the polls were declared letters began to arrive at the House for the successful candidates, their admirers apparently imagining they would be sure to take the first train to Westminster.

Each member has his private locker, and it will be the early duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms (Mr. H. D. Erskine) to allot them. Until their former tenants have vacated them, of course, this cannot be done.

The authorities have not yet found it necessary to remind unseated and retiring members that their keys must be given up for the benefit of their successors.

The tragic side of parliamentary life has never been shown with greater force than during the past few days when old parliamentarians, rejected at the polls, have stolen quietly to St. Stephen's to take a last look at familiar haunts and clear out their lockers.

While engaged in this mournful business, two hon gentlemen whom the House will know no more discussed their reverses with mutual sympathy.

"But what do you think of their (Liberal) majority?" said one.

"It's astounding," said the other.

"It's more than that," was the first one's gloomy rejoinder.

And there the conversation ended. The Labour Party is sure to be represented on

the Kitchen Committee when the House meets, and the menu may become more democratic than ever. No alteration, however, can be made in the feeding arrangements without the committee's consent. But what could be cheaper than the present shilling dinner served in the House. Isn't this enough?

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Of course, honourable members can order luxurious dinners if they like. Labour legislators who frown at such extravagance will keep to the shilling dinner, unless they agitate for a reduction.

But the House pays no rent like other establishments, and a kind Government allows something like £2,000 a year for breakages, so that if it is not the best club in the world, where members can get things at cost price, it ought to be. The entrance fees, however, are higher than at most clubs.

COLOURED HOUSE FRONTS.

Critics Denounce New Style in London Architecture as Outrage on Good Taste.

A fresh development in decorative architecture is gradually invading the sombre streets of the metropolis.

Its main feature is the employment on the frontages of buildings of glazed and coloured tiles, which, in some instances, are arranged in a definite design, but in others without the slightest regard for the canons of architectural good taste.

The most striking example of this "new art" in architecture is to be seen in prosaic, busy Fleet-street. It is an office building hardly finished as yet, and standing a few feet back from the line of the street, about half-way between Temple Bar and Ludgate-circus. Its narrow frontages are covered with glazed tiles of various hues. A chequered zig-zag chess-board design straggles across the face of the building, different colours being used for each story. The building strikes a very distinctive and decidedly crude note of colour in the street, and the general effect is hardly attractive.

Most architects condemn such designs as violations of good taste. Mr. Leonard Scott Stokes, a vice-president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is emphatically opposed to them.

"This seems to be a fresh outburst of an idea which arose about ten years ago," he said to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "But I do not think that the use of coloured tiles for frontages will become general in London. I admit that London's streets are very sombre and monotonous, but I am afraid they will have to remain so for some time to come. The people who are responsible for these tiled frontages have no taste; if they had, they would not be so bad."

FACTS CONCERNING WORRY AND ANXIETY

In very many cases worry and anxiety result in a weakened and worn-out condition of the nervous system. If too heavy a strain is put upon your nerves you will inevitably feel miserable and wanting in energy. You will be unable to do your work properly; very likely you will be unable to sleep at night because your mind is on the rack and consequently you continue to worry when you should be resting. If that is your condition it shows clearly that your nervous system is tired out and overstrained, and if you do not take prompt measures you will break down. The only way in which you can recover is by putting your nervous system right, and how this may be done is explained below.

The great point to remember is that nervous exhaustion proves that your nervous system requires rebuilding, and to effect this the nerve tissue and brain needs special nourishment to replace what has been lost under the strain which has been put upon it. Unfortunately the exhausted nervous system very seldom receives the right treatment. In many cases stimulants are taken which may make the patient fancy that he is better for a time, but as soon as their effect has passed off the system is even weaker and more worn out than it was before. If the nervous system is exhausted it requires (1) a remedy that will help it to obtain nourishment from the ordinary food; and (2) a remedy that will restore the special elements lost under nerve strain and overwork, and which are still being worn away at a quicker rate than they are being replaced. These two conditions are fulfilled by Bishop's Tonules, and that is why they are so wonderfully successful.

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How to Secure Perfect Skin Health

SKIN health is not only one of the essentials of beauty, but it has also a powerful influence on the health of the whole body, because the functions it performs are of the greatest possible importance. It may, therefore, be well to consider what the skin is and what it has to do. The skin is, in the first place, a breathing organ like the lungs, and, second, a natural loom for the manufacture of the beautiful protecting blanket (for such it really is) called the cuticle, scarf, or outer skin, which thinly covers the entire exterior of the body. The surface of the skin is covered with millions of tiny pores or glands, and the bulk of these pores remove, by means of the perspiration, the watery waste of the system, and the re-



"Antexema" cures all skin troubles in every part of the body.

mainder secrete the natural oil, which imparts to the skin its well-known soft, smooth appearance, and elasticity.

The scarf skin is woven or built up from beneath by millions of minute scales, which are welded firmly together by the glutinous fluids which ooze from the deeper parts of the skin, and are smoothed

down on the surface by the oil thrown out upon it. The scales fit over and upon one another to make one uninterrupted layer. The scarf skin is continually growing, the outer scales being regularly thrown off as fresh ones are produced beneath. When anything affects the health of the scarf or outer skin some form of skin trouble results. Thus, if too much oil is secreted, the oil accumulates upon the surface and in the glands, and produces a muddy complexion and gives rise to face spots. On the other hand, if the supply of oil is scanty, a delicate, irritable skin results, and is frequently the forerunner of various skin ailments. If there is undue pressure on any part of the skin, the scarf skin becomes thickened to protect the parts beneath, a corn or bunion being an example of this. Then, again, the scarf skin may be temporarily destroyed by a burn, scald, or some other injury, or it may itself be unhealthy, and the patient suffers from psoriasis, chronic eczema, or some other serious skin ailment. If the perspiration is acid or laden with an excess of irritant impurities, this will in time create inflammation and irritation. Rheumatic or gouty eczema is due to this cause. Lastly, impure blood frequently manifests itself by breakings out upon the skin, and in such cases not only should "Antexema" be applied outwardly, but the blood itself needs purification and cleansing, and the use of "Antexema Granules" enables this to be done.

Whatever the variety of skin trouble, however it may have been caused, and whether slight or serious, the one question asked is, "How can I remove my skin trouble or blemish and render my skin pure, clear, and healthy once again?" There is a very simple answer. "Adopt the 'Antexema' treatment." If "Antexema" be used, the instructions given in the booklet on "Skin Troubles" be followed out, and a little patience and perseverance exercised, a cure will be gained even in the very worst cases. Where the trouble is only slight, and consists merely of redness or roughness or chafing of the skin, chaps, or something of that sort, everything can be put right in the course of a day or two, but where a severe form of trouble exists, obviously longer time will be required.

We would remind our readers of a very important fact. The worst affections of the skin start from small beginnings, and are easily curable in their early stages. There would not be a fraction of the discomfort and even distress that unfortunately exists as a result of skin affections if attention were given to the matter the moment that signs of the health of the skin being affected made themselves apparent.

It is impossible to have a healthy skin if it fails to receive proper attention. A great deal of nonsense is talked about the possession of a beautiful complexion, and every day one hears remarks about the perfect skin someone or another has, whereas

the speaker in many cases could have quite as good a complexion by merely taking a little trouble and attending to the first signs of skin illness. If one is resolutely determined to keep their complexion in perfect condition it is not at all difficult. What is



For pimples, redness or roughness of the skin you should use "Antexema."

the first step? If there is any skin blemish of any kind, whether slight or serious, there is "Antexema," a certain cure. This is proved by the experience of hundreds of thousands of people in every part of the world, and the enormous number of letters received prove the extraordinary curative powers of "Antexema" beyond doubt. Next, the right soap should be used, or, in other words, "Antexema Soap," which has the scent and refreshing influence of the pine forest, and should always be used for Bath, Toilet, Nursery and shampooing. It makes the skin clear, white, and healthy, and prevents pimples, blackheads, and red, rough, oily skin, and keeps the hair soft, silky, and glossy, counteracting any tendency to baldness. It is the best preventative and healthiest cleanser, emollient, antiseptic, and safe. "Antexema Soap" may be obtained of all Chem-

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CANTABS BEATEN.

G. O. Smith's Side Too Good for
the Light Blues—E. S. Ward's
Fine Play.

BY F. B. WILSON.

Playing with a greatly weakened team at Queen's Club yesterday, Cambridge University went down before the Ludgrove Masters, which is another name for G. O. Smith's team, by 3 goals to 1. The first half was not marked by anything particularly striking, bar one or two clever things from G. O. Smith, a few smart runs by E. G. Wright and some grand football by E. S. Ward.

The latter showed tremendous pace, great pluck, a great sense of timing, and a touch-line near goal. It was a great sin of going out of the touch-line near goal. It was to be sincerely hoped that some of the selection committee were present at Queen's; in which case Ward scarcely be passed over in the consideration of the next year's team.

Only one goal marked the first half. Bryant scored neatly off a clever pass from G. O. Smith. In the second half the football improved considerably, and some healthy charging took place, Cambridge being especially successful in stopping.

Cambridge kicked a goal on terms, good work among the forwards ending in a goal by Roberts. The Masters, however, were shortly on top again, Bryant, getting a fine game and fed Ward most unselfishly, getting a goal in fine style. G. O. Smith, leading the spectators, was G. O. goal, suggesting the ball in with a swinging shot on the bound at a great pace. Cambridge stuck to their work, and Birks scored before the end, but the Masters always looked like the winners.

in the first half, Ward was again the star performer in the second, and gave a fine exhibition of a left outside should play the game. He contrived more than favourably with Wright, though it must be said, in justice to the latter, that he was starved by inside, and well marked into the bargain. A special word of praise must be given to Taylor, who kept goal at Cambridge exceptionally well; on the day he played he was the best we have ever had in the goal.

It is impossible here to prophesy the winners of the Oxford and Cambridge match, which comes off Queen's on Saturday, February 17, but at present it looks as though Oxford would "just get through."

MIDDLESEX, 1; HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE, 3.
 Played at Shepherd's Bush. Middlesex were well represented, but took the lead ten minutes from the start from a penalty-kick. Porter equalised, and early in the second half Kelly gave the soldiers the lead. Towards the end Chance headed a third goal for the Brigade, who won by 3 to 2.

RUGBY COUNTY MATCH.

Surrey Beat Eastern Counties by 14
Points to 3 After a Bright Game.

BY TOUCH JUDGE.

Surrey beat the Eastern Counties at Honor Oak yesterday by a goal and three tries to a try, and it deserved their victory. The result was pretty much what might have been expected, and, indeed, the Eastern Counties are to be congratulated upon making such a capital fight.

The Counties have some excellent hard-working forwards. They gave the Kent scrummagers a good shaking up, and they had none the worse of the struggle with Surrey pack, though the latter included some well-known men. Had the Counties' backs been as good as the forwards there would not have been much in it between the teams.

Apart from tackling well, the work of the County backs was of moderate quality, their passing being poor. Not once did they bring off a decent bout of passing, and, though their try was scored by Brandon the Ipswich three-quarter, it was the result of a half-kicking and rather curious dribble. The score was deserved, but it was not quite the kind of try one expects a wing three-quarter to obtain.

Birkett was in tremendous form, strong in defence, resourceful in attack, and he had a hand in most things. He scored a clever try himself, twice cleared the way for Anderson to go over, and was also concerned in Jackson's success.

W. Birkett rather overdid the business of trying to do through, but he erred on the right side. In these days when three-quarters make for the touch-line, it is pleasant to see a man run straight.

Watching Birkett, it occurred to me that he is just the kind of man to play as a set-off against Basil Macdonald. In build and style he is very like the Irishman. English selection committee, kindly take note.

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In the first round, at Richmond Athletic Ground, yesterday, King's beat University College Hospital by goals and 2 tries to 1 goal (or 16 points to 5).

OTHER MATCH.

OXFORD UNIV., 16 pts. ; GUY'S HOSPITAL, 15
Playing at home Oxford University defeated Guy's Hospital.

OTHER MATCH.

Hospital by 2 goals and 2 tries to a penalty-goal dropped goal, a goal from a mark, and a placed goal 16 points to 15. It will be seen that Guy's scored every possible way.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

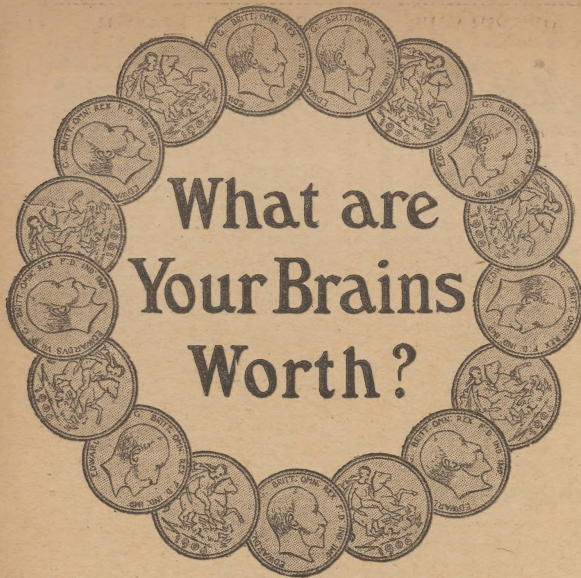
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